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Wednesday, January 1, 1840

At Cleveland Ohio--Cold but pleasant day--spent the day in my office--made but one call--Last New Years day was in New York and made calls all day with W. W. & R. P. Campbell--I feel more contented & happy - yea far more, now than I did one year this day--I am settled in my profession- reading & learning- with a mind sufficiently at ease to digest what I read--Not snow enough here yet for sleighing--No President's Message received yet--roads impassable East by heavy fall of snow--The year commences under gloomy prospects--currency deranged--business embarrassed--ruin & distress universal--Still here I am, with my dear wife & two lovely children, contented & happy in beginning life anew, having lost my thousands & tens of thousands--a contented mind is a continual feast--Gave my children presents--May my Heavenly Father bless me & mine the coming year with health, contentment & and a healthy success in life.

Thursday Jan. 2d

This day spent in my office--continues cold-- no mail from East--Spent evening in my room with wife--read Life Washington--This should be read once each year by every American.

Friday Jan. 3d

At office all day--gave written opinion in case of Bank of Cleveland vs. Beebe & Allen--Question--Usury--Bank had taken notes payable in N. York and when renewed from time to time demanded from one to three per cent as difference of exchange in addition to the six per cent interest in advance.

I gave my opinion that said notes & the mortgage given to secure their payment- (given after they had been renewed as stated several times) were void by reason of usury. The Bank could recover probably the amount bona fide due & legal interest, upon the common courts, but the mortgage security is void.

Saturday Jan. 4th

At office- Had client from Cincinnati, who called on the Bank to redeem \$7500 of its notes--Bank refused--I gave him written instructions how to proceed--cold, but pleasant weather--no eastern mail yet.

Sunday, Jan. 5th

Attended church in A.M. - wife indisposed & did not go. In P.M. remained at home with wife & children, all little unwell--cold yet & still no mail--President's Message rec'd via Columbus--Congress was ready to hear it Decr. 24th. It is a long, political partizan document.

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6th January Monday

At office--recd letter from Brother Hott. P. Campbell of N.Y. dated Dec. 21st--cold yet--Mr. Webster & family returned from Europe in Ship Mediator--Wrote an article for Daily Herald--subject "President's Message"--snowed little in evening--not enough to make sleighing--no mail East of Pittsburgh yet--snow from 6 to 15 feet deep.

Tuesday Jan. 7th

At office wrote another article for Herald on President's Message--weather moderated--There being a Revival Meeting here, I was called on by friendly "missionary"--he conversed with me two hours--I am always kindly disposed towards those who make me such calls, altho I do not subscribe to all the operations & practices of these "meetings"--This day received the Congressional committees, as appointed by Mr. Speaker Hunter.

With these committees the Whigs must be content--for they have been liberally & justly considered--as compared with the utter want of consideration heretofore.

Wednesday, Jan 8th

This is of late a great day--at least among Party men, and surely there was won on this day a brilliant victory--Wrote another "Review" of the President's Message for the Herald--warm weather--no snow--here but an unusual quantity East & considerable West & South of us--In office, all day and until 10 o'clock P.M.--I am vexed good deal by idle calls, or rather calls of idle men--It is indeed a heavy draft on ones patience to require him to give up the investigation of a subject to listen to the senseless, commonplace remarks of non-thinking men.

Thursday, Jan 9

At office all day--another Review of Message for Herald--In the evening at 8 o'clock myself & wife attended Wedding Party at Mr. Hoadley's--T. F. Pomeroy was wedded to Miss Hoadley--A very pleasant and sensible wedding, and judicious entertainment--Party small--returned to my lodgings at 11 1/2 P.M. and then joined several gentlemen in the "saloon"--where the very common custom of rejoicing was not departed from--Whist--punch--and champagne--cold seats &c--adjourned at the very unseasonable hour of 4 o'clock A.M. Wednesday morning.

Friday Jan. 10

Arose for breakfast as usual but did not feel as clear headed as usual--I ought not to have been prevailed upon to sit up so late--Letter from Brother Theodore--warm & damp weather--another Review for Herald--in office till 8 P.M. then to my room & to bed 9 1/2--This has been an unprofitable day--have read some, but my mind not in a healthy state.

Saturday, Jan. 11.

Awoke this morning, clear headed--warm & wet day--streets muddy--in A.M. wrote letter to my father in law--sent a Law opinion to Senator Prentiss for his approbation or dissent--Have read Lord Brougham's characters of the Statesmen of the Time of George III--discussed law questions, and am satisfied with this day's labor--I have become so anxious about the acquisition of knowledge that I really regard a single day's time of great importance--How much time we spend foolishly or unimprovingly.

Sunday Jan. 12

Attended church in A.M.--a sound sermon--in P.M. remained at home with family--moderate weather--the revival still progresses, and the converts are very numerous--If it is attended with durable results, well--if not, those who fall back will be more the children of the devil than before--such is my observation.

Monday Jan. 13

At office till 3 P.M.--then called upon the bride Mrs. Pomeroy and at Mr. Wetherly's, and spent evening at Mr. Clarke's--mild weather, wrote another review of Message--had another client, about the Bank's refusing to redeem their bills.

Tuesday Jan. 14

At office all day--several snow squals--enough to cause the bells to jingle--still rough sleighing in this vicinity--cold afternoon & evening--Attended wedding party at Mrs. Beebe's--small number, but very pleasant--wife did not attend--home at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday Jan. 15

At office--cold day--read American Jurist--and Gov. Seward's (of N.York) message--it is a most decidedly statesmanlike production--best message I ever read--well arranged and the currency, internal improvements &c discussed in a very able manner--This is the production of a statesman--the President's message, the production of a partizan.

Thursday Jan. 16

At office--cold day, but the atmosphere pure & invigorating--Wrote another political article for Daily Herald--a comparison of the message of President with Report of Secretary of Treasury. Revival still continues and great numbers are daily publicly declaring that as for themselves they are determined to serve the Lord. It is said that there need be no sorrow for sin, no consciousness of a need of Repentance--all that is necessary is to make the physical effort & actually come out publicly, without any reference to actual repentance, or sorrow for sin--This appears to me to be a new doctrine in Theology.

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Friday Jan. 17

Cold morning--clear & cold--in office all day as usual--Drafted declarations--read law--and in evening read Biography--I really enjoy myself--I can read and be not disturbed by external or internal annoyances.

Saturday Jan. 18.

In office--read American Jurist--visited Clk's office--wrote business letters &c.- still cold dry weather--Mr. Webster visited Boston on his return from Europe & made a speech in State House--currency still in most wretched condition--business of all kinds paralyzed--and this at a time of national peace & unusual plenty--had long talk with Mr. Elliott in evening.

Sunday Jan. 19--

Attended The Church in A.M. with wife & son--good sermon upon the nature of Baptism--at home in P.M.--in the evening attended the Revival meeting at Presbyterian Church--house very crowded--subject of discourse--New Birth--got home at 10 o'clock--sermon, or rather exhortation too long--dry cold weather,

Monday Jan. 20

At office--letter from Mother Campbell of Cooperstown--all well--she talks about the changes of 1839--death of her son William--myself & family leaving the birth place of my wife and my beautiful situation "Apple Hill" & removing to the State of Ohio--and the failure of her son Robert P. Campbell of N. York &c. There are indeed changes, and such as very seriously affect and effect myself & family--but I am so constituted that I do not sorrow over the past misfortunes which could not have been prevented & which cannot be repaired--With health of self & family I trust under the favor of God to retrieve my pecuniary losses--at all counts I intend to have a contented mind--This is a sunny day.

Tuesday Jan. 21.

At office as usual--read Jefferson's writings--I should judge from his letter to Peter Carr that he was an infidel if not an atheist. And during the last term of Genl. Washington's administration he was his bitter opponent, if not secret & ungrateful reviler--This I should judge from Jefferson's letters--He became a perfect radical --opposed to all credit, corporations, & associations save "Democratic Associations"--some of his doctrines are true and republican--others false & revolutionary.

Had a letter from Mr. Campbell yesterday & myself & wife answered it this evening--warm day--Steam Boat Lexington from N. York to Stonington burnt & over 150 lives lost--I knew many who perished--horrible--horrible--This scene only pictured forth to my mind the providential escape of myself & family in November last on Lake Erie.

Wednesday Jan. 22d

At office--pleasant day--had a dull head ache all day--read Jefferson's writings--attended to two new clients--had a visit from a clerk of our Firm "Huntington & Campbell" who is on a collection tour--in evening had a severe nervous head ache--vomited & went to bed at 7½ o'clock.

Thursday Jan. 23d

Felt better but not well this morning--colder weather--had more business calls--read Law & more of Jefferson--On Religion he was Deistical or rather he might be called an Unitarian--he was radically Democratic--in regard to the leading Federalists, wishing for a monarchy, for instance--such men as Washington, Adams, Hamilton &c he was wild & rabid--a political monomaniac--Still he done many great & invaluable services to his country--his writings abound in patriotic views, enlarged & philosophic expositions, and also in political heresies, partizan doctrines & what many would call infidel religious principles & doctrines--The Annual Ball of the Cleveland Greys is held this evening at the American House.

Friday Jan. 24

At office--very cold day--read law & last vol. of Jefferson's Writings--unwell--heavy head ache--took seidlitz powder--spent last part of evening with Doct. Weston--read till 11 o'clock and to bed.

Saturday Jan. 25

Another very cold day--all day in office--considerably annoyed by company--It seems that a very large portion of mankind who have nothing to do are determined that the small portion who have, shall be interrupted--received Documents from Hon. Mr. Allen of House of Representatives and from Mr. Senator Prentiss--The Sub Treasury bill will pass Congress--but Mr. VanBuren I think cannot be re-elected--I find that most of the currency notions of this administration are but copies from Jefferson's.

Sunday Jan. 26th

Attended church with wife in A.M. subject-Baptism--whether immersion or sprinkling be most or solely scriptural--result, that either is scriptural--it is not the Form but the Intent of the reception of the ordinance--good sensible sermon--remained at home P.M. --read Bible to & talked with my family.

Monday Jan. 27

At office--little sleighing--read all day & evening--had more "Public Documents" from Washington--The question of the reception of Abolition petitions, the profitless subject of discussion in the House from day to day.

Tuesday Jan. 28

At office--warm day--invitation of family to visit Rev. Mr. Berry's to-morrow--wrote an article for Daily Herald--subject the ridiculous pretensions of the "Democratic Party" to ante deluvian ancestry--In N. York the Whigs have got the power and are using it-right-The Legislature of this State I should judge, are not, as a whole, very profound statesmen or law makers.

Wednesday Jan. 29

At office-rainy--did not visit the Parson's: recd. letter from H. M. Elliott desiring me to meet Mr. Webster & himself in Philadelphia or N. York--cant--wrote another article for Herald--the true origin of the party names of Federal and Democratic &c--finished 4th & last volume of Jefferson's

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writings--His "Ana" is very objectionable--a record of the political slander & scandal of those forty days--and pretended record of private conversations at Cabinet meetings & private dinner parties--This should never have been published--instead of adding to, it detracts from the fame of Jefferson.

Thursday Jan. 30

At office--warm sunny day--wet & icy walking--read for relaxation of mind, some in Peter Pinder - "Fleas are not lobsters-- their souls" Royal family's visit to Whitread Brewery--the "Luciad" etc. are laughable--
Read in Robinson's Charles 5th--to bed at 11 o'clock.

Friday Jan. 31

At office--lovely sunny day--ground frozen so to make dry walking. Read A. M. American Jurist No. 43--Theory of the Rights of Authors translated from the French (Renouard's) by L. S. Cushing--a most able & profound article. Had long talk with Mr. Barnes from N. York--The business men of the city are generously minded--spent evening at home--wife sick.

Saturday Feby. 1.

No rest last night--wife sick & result "miscarriage"--at my room all A.M. with her--she is doing well--wrote letter to Woolson--recd letter from Hon. L. Beardsley--he is in trouble--I do wish I could give relief--another pleasant day--wife quite well--to bed early.

Sunday Feby. 2d

At church A.M. good sermon--cold day--afternoon at home and took a nap, & read & talked with wife--
Took apple tody made of peach brandy & to bed.

Monday Feby. 3d

At office--very cold day--read papers--the Whig cause is every where embraced with enthusiasm--my articles "Otsego" are being copied from Herald in other papers--County meeting in mass next Thursday--ox to be roasted whole &c.

Tuesday Feby. 4

At office--cold but pleasant day--note with Prentiss' address & resolutions--another great fire in N.Y. Million & half property destroyed--Mrs. Turner recovers slowly.

Wednesday Feby 5.

At office--attended committee room about mass meeting arrangements--cold day--but clear--expect a large & enthusiastic meeting--Presntiss' resolutions good.

Thursday Feby 6

Fine A.M. at 10 o'clock procession formed & proceeded to Ohio city to escort the electors over--large procession--all marched then to meet delegates from Willoughby &c--it was a most cheering & enthusiastic sight--the procession with flags, banners &c, was 3/4 mile long--3000 people--met in the public square, chose delegates to State Convention, adopted resolutions & then speeches--I was called for by the mass--I mounted the staging & spoke to the multitude & my friends say it was a great speech--I felt satisfied with the effort--the meeting was so enthusiastic

that I could not but make a warm speech--The roasted ox--beer & bread were then devoured--it was altogether the most enthusiastic & interesting political meeting I ever witnessed -- the right spirit is up--the "ball is in motion"--and Harrison will carry this State by 15 to 20,000--went to bed fatigued but satisfied.

Friday Feby 7.

At office--lovely sunny day--wrote letters & attended to business--think my speech yesterday will make me generally & very favorably known--I made it with a view to become known, as auxillary to getting business.

Saturday Feby. 8th

At office--read Judge Story's Equity Pleadings &c--bad cold--wife better--spring like day--had windows up & no fire--wrote letters &c.

Sunday Feby 9

Rainy day--at Church A.M. with children but left before service closed--sick--kept in room most of day--Evening had talk with Mr. Dixon from Armagh, Ireland. Then soaked feet in warm water & to bed.

Monday Feby 10

At office--feel better--wet-blustering-snowy-cold day--County Court for trial of criminals commences session to-day--Attended court--evening at room & bed early.

Tuesday Feby 11.

Attended court--tried three men for riot on part of the State--verdict of Jury Guilty--letter from Otsego County. Unpleasant day--in office evening.

Wednesday Feby 12

At office & in Court A.M. pleasant morning --rode 6 or 7 miles with wife & daughter P.M. it was cold & snowy as came home. At room with wife evening--read Museum.

Thursday Feby 13

At Court all day--pleasant day--had several invitations out with wife but can't go till she is perfectly well--Read Brougham's notice of life of Canning-Franklin and Frederic 2d.

Friday Feby 14

At Court--windy day--in office till 9 P.M. then went home--had coffee supper with Dr. Weston & wife.

Saturday Feby 15

Very pleasant day--attended justice court for Dr. Weston--wife wrote home--I wrote a little--rode out with wife and Jane--called on Mrs. Beebe--evening meeting of Delegates to Columbus.

Sunday Feby 16.

At church with family A.M.--good sermon--afternoon went to hear a Campbellite or Disciple--he entertained & amused me much--explained the dream or vision of Nebucdnezzar by History &c--astonishing memory--went again in evening--not so much pleased.

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Monday Feby 17

At Court--in morning however the Delegates (40) left for Columbus--had a fine ship mounted on wheels to go through--had two criminals to defend to-day--retained I mean--pleasant day--at office in evening.

Tuesday Feby 18

At Court--defended 3 men for stealing--verdict guilty--pleasant day--evening made out papers and brief for motion for new trial.

Wednesday Feby 19

At Court A.M. argued motion for new trial in case of the five Defts--granted-- Afternoon attended examination of man before magistrate for passing counterfeit money--evening in office--It has been a most lovely day like spring--Robtains sang--this A.M. sweetly. Court adjourned to-day.

Thursday Feby 20

At office all day--read Mr. Duer's defense of American credit in London--evening with family.

Friday Feby 21.

At office all day--wet & damp--navigation is open here--Steam Boat will go out on observation.

Saturday Feby 22d

Anniversary of Washington's Birth day--Born 102 years since--rainy day--military out--4 sailors with a fine brig on wheels & Band of music are parading streets--Military look well & the sailors attract much & deserved attention--sorry it is a rainy day.

Sunday Feby 23d

This is the Anniversary of my marriage--Married Feby 23d 1836--ten years since--What varied scenes I have passed thro' the last 10 years--travelled over Europe & once & again over most of the Northern States of my own country--been in the possession of a large fortune, which was acquired by my own efforts--& have seen it disappear--still I have been almost constantly happy--never depressed or too much elated. I can say that few men have been blessed with so much happiness as I have thus far--and even now--altho my property is lost, I never was more happy & contented. I have an affectionate family--fine children--& have a continual feast within myself to-wit contentment.

Monday Feby 24

At office all day--read Charles 5th drew Demurrer to Bill & c--weather like spring--lake & harbour free of ice--wife not very well--children hearty.

Tuesday Feby 25

At office--another pleasant day--read & wrote--settled Chancery suit with Hank for Mr. Kellogg--spent evening with wife--Saml Gov. calling for more money or another issue of Treasury notes--This government as now administered is a perfect Humbug--but the People are coming.

Wednesday Feby 26

At office--heard from State Convention--at least 20,000 Freemen present--Hon. Thomas Corwin nominated for Gov--good nomination--The largest political meeting ever assembled in the U.S.A.--ships-steam boats--forts--log cabins--banners--20 bands of music--military &c &c--there is fire in the Prairies--pleasant day.

Thursday Feby 27

At office--another lovely day--read Story's Equity--&c--meeting to-morrow to receive report of Delegates who have returned from Columbus.

Friday Feby 28

Another lovely day--Prentiss got back from Columbus this A.M. gives glowing account of Convention--rode out with wife & daughter--bluebirds plenty--spring like day--had pleasant ride & did wife good--Attended meeting in evening--enthusiastic--heard report of delegates--I was called on for speech--at first declined, but at length was called on again in manner that could not be refused--so mounted the bench & gave the spirit utterance--The right spirit is abroad--The Decree is gone forth--

Our Charter Election on Monday next--I think the Locos have majority in this city.

Saturday Feby 29

Another lovely morning--did not get sleep till 2 A.M. being a Fall at the American--feel unhinged this A.M.--shall ride out with wife--did not ride--wife not well enough--another Whig meeting to-night--a large one.

Sunday March 1.

First day of Spring--a most lovely, balmy day--went to Church A.M. with children--P.M. took long & pleasant ride with wife & daughter--P.M. to church again--wrote letter to Otsego Republican about Politicks of West &c.

Monday March 2d

Charter Election this day--rainy day--P.M. is fair weather--Spent most of day in office--evening was the most exciting I ever witnessed the Whigs have carried the city triumphantly & rather unexpectedly--barrel of cider was mounted on table in committee room--speeches--cheers--songs &c--Kept it up till past midnight--It is a great victory for so small an election.

Tuesday March 3d

Most lovely day--every face smiling--nothing but Whig faces to be seen in the street--Nothing but congratulations among the Whigs at their victory in Charter Election--Rode out with whole family--Evening bon fires & fine Fall. Bon fire on the site of Genl Harrison's old Fort Hungerford.

Wednesday March 4

At office all day--pleasant spring like day--wrote letter to Mr. Campbell--Rec'd letter from Mrs. Campbell & was pained to learn of the trouble of Mrs. Scott.

Thursday March 5

At office--wife rode out with Mr. and Mrs. Westover--
read law--engaged to hear a class of young law students recite--
rec'd letters from Dixon Rock Island & Marsh Prairie Lu Chien--
read Hall life of Harrison evening.

Friday March 6

At office--pleasant day as usual--Drafted Constitution
of Tippecanoe Club for Cuyahoga Co.

Saturday March 7

Another most lovely day--Steam Boat Erie from Detroit
arrived this morning--every thing looks cheerful save the business
prospects of the country--People are assembling en masse throughout
the Union--The Decree is gone forth--The people will execute it.

Sunday March 8

Attended church with whole family.

Monday March 9

At office--pleasant day--rode out with wife in P.M.
Steam Boat in from Detroit--letter from Chicago.

Tuesday March 10

A blustering snowy day--extremely unpleasant--
at office all day--read & wrote steadily--Rec'd letter from
Honl. Daniel Webster.

Wednesday March 11

Cold but more mild than yesterday--all day in
office--rode out with wife six miles--pleasant ride.

Thursday March 12

Pleasant day--made calls with wife--Petty fogged--read
in Modern Europe &c...

Friday March 13

Pleasant day--evening held large Whig Town meeting
at Court House--good meeting--reported Preamble & Constitution
for Tippecanoe Club--adopted.

Saturday March 14

Wet day--in office all day--read Modern Europe &c--
wrote letters. Spent evening with Mr. Willard.

Sunday March 15

Church A.M. in P.M. at home--moderate weather.

Monday March 16

At office all day--Pleasant weather again--Boat
leaves for Buffalo to-morrow--visit Parson Berry with wife to-day.

Tuesday March 17

Foggy wet day--in office all day--attended Whig
meeting evening--formed Tippecanoe Club for County--my Preamble
& Constitution adopted--large meeting--songs &c.

Wednesday March 18

Pleasant day save fog from Lake--Caused S. S. Fall

to be arrested for Debt--got G. A. Benedict to do it as I am not on friendly terms with Beall--he turned out silver plate he was taking "West" to save going to jail & for his appearance to-morrow--I felt sorry for him altho' an enemy.

Thursday March 19

Pleasant day--Beall got Bail--E. D. Potter & S. Starkweather--He acted like a crazy man--rode seven miles with wife in P.M.--forgot to say attended the dedication of Log Cabin at Ohio city last evening 500 present--songs--speeches--music &c &c.

Friday March 20

Pleasant day--in office A.M. P.M. went into the woods with Dr. Brayton & Hitchcock & cut & loaded logs for Log Cabin--good exercise.

Saturday March 21

Pleasant day--in office--read--wrote &c--Boats & schooners run between this place & Detroit & one Boat has been down to Portland.

Sunday March 22

In church A.M. good sermon--P.M. to Presbyterian & heard Mr. Aikin on Infant Baptism--Rite of Christian Baptism substituted for the Jewish rite of Circumcision & Baptism -- the Jewish male child was circumcised at 8 days old & Baptised--The female was not circumcised but only baptised! so says Mr. Aikin--I know not how a female could be circumcised.

Monday 23 March

Wrote an article for Herald--"VanBuren & Election Franchise" signed "Otsego"--also wrote an editorial, touching the New Jersey election case--rained in evening--

Tuesday March 24

Rainy day--in office--read papers--made demand on Commercial Bank for \$7000 of their promises to pay--These are discouraging desolating ruinous times--The government must be reformed or Liberty & Prosperity are gone & Revolution & Bloodshed will follow--Spent evening in office as usual--read in my room till 11 o'clock.

Wednesday 25 March

At office all day--pleasant three Boats (small) from Detroit--Recd letter from Rev. F. T. Tiffany--good letter from a good man.

Thursday March 26.

At office all day--pleasant weather--read the newspapers relating to foreign news--Dissolution of French Ministry--war in the East--Queen Victoria's marriage &c--The French Monarchy re-established under Louis Phillip is not destined to last long--This is certain--Evening went to Mr. Witherby's for tea--cheerful & agreeable time.

Friday March 27

At office--very pleasant A.M.--raining P.M. could not ride out with wife & visit Mrs. Beebe as planned.

Saturday March 28

At office--unpleasant day--This is a little winter--
Can't ride out with wife.--read China news--looks warlike on a
large scale--went to my room early.

Sunday March 29

Attended church A.M.--at home P.M. cold day--
Sermon was good "Except ye be born of the water & of the
spirit &c"--Parson Berry is sound & orthodox.

Monday March 30

At office--commenced raising Log Cabin to day--20 by
35--cold day--read some in Modern Europe, wrote letters &
helped raise some.

Tuesday March 31

At office--very blustering, cold day--this is most
unpleasant weather--recd letter from Cooperstown--also paper
with my letter in it--invited to go to Ravenna Portage Co.
to make a speech at great mass meeting--also to go to Rockford
to make speech--may go to one of the places.

Wednesday April 1.

April Fools day--wet day--in office all day.

Thursday April 2d

Special messenger from Portage Co. to have me go down
there & speak to the Convention--agreed to go--Recd collections
from N. York--Congress held session 28 hours on Sub Treasury
note Bill--longest session ever held--left P.M. in sulky
for Ravenna in company with 8 others--rode to Hudson 25 miles
where spent night--cold windy day.

Friday April 3d

Left Hudson at 7 o'clock A.M. & soon our procession
numbered 250 horsemen & waggon--animating sight--pleasant day
reached Ravenna 11½ o'clock--town filled to overflowing--
banners, boats, vessels &c--5000 people--present--organized &
took nap till 12½ o'clock--Log cabin in square & the multitude
assembled in front, staging for speakers front of Cabin--
took dinner at Mr. Prentiss'--& returned to the square & at
2 o'clock P.M. made by speech to 5000 farmers in in public
square--from the expressions of the multitude I am satisfied
I made good speech--It was the largest political gathering
in Western Reserve ever held. The enthusiasm cannot be
described--left at 4 o'clock & lodged again at Hudson--walked
about the college & spent pleasant evening.

Saturday April 4th

Returned home from Hudson--pleasant day but windy--
County Convention of young men in Cleveland to appoint
Delegates to Baltimore--in evening held Town meeting at Log
Cabin to prepare for town election--I was obliged to make a
short speech to them--Last night the Cabin was dedicated--
Cabin 30 by 25--800 present--would liked to have been present.

Sunday April 5

At church A.M.--pleasant day--P.M. remained at home with children--wife went to church--rec'd painful news of death of two children of my friend C. J. Woolson of scarlet fever--he has 4 left.

Monday April 6

Town ship election--pleasant day--much life and animation on both sides--shall remain in office as am not entitled to vote--prospect of war about N.E. boundary question if war comes then will distress be insufferable--our country is in a state of fearful disorganization & distress--VanBuren & his party will promote a war feeling & possibly risk a war in order to divert the people's attention from his misrule & profligacy.

Tuesday April 7.

At office all day--P.M. however called at Messrs. Hoadley's, Woolsey's, Kelley's & Beebee's, left wife at Mrs. Beebee's and in event went up to tea--pleasant time--talked over Otsego County--walked home--lovely evening.

Wednesday April 8

At office--pleasant day--read & done good deal of business--In evening had celebration of victory at Township Elections--Music & procession 400 marched thro' the city & then assembled in Log Cabin where we had songs, speeches, Music &c till 10 o'clock.

Thursday April 9

At office till 11 o'clock when took wife & son riding--lovely day & pleasant ride--P.M. in office--election news from neighboring counties cheering.

Friday April 10

Went to Chagrin Falls in Town of Orange to-day on business--took two horses & light waggon & wife & two children along--17 miles--delightful time--good farming country--roads dry & generally smooth--It was happy day for wife & children--

The election news looks bright, brighter, brightest--all over the country the People are moving vs. the office holders & in favor of "Old Tip" the people's candidate.

Saturday April 11

At office all day--pleasant day save shower in P.M. Tippecanoe Club met at Log Cabin--good meeting--and cheering news from Town Elections.

Sunday April 12

Cold windy day--at Church in A.M. in P.M. went to Stone Church to hear formal sermon from Mr. Aikin--not life or feeling enough--extemporaneous but labored--church full & it was an occasion when if ever a man could and should be eloquent.

Monday April 13

Delightful morning--great news from Connecticut elections--In office all day--Whig Maj. in Conn. 4,600--read Law, wrote business letters &c.

Tuesday April 14.

Lovely day--Ice still in Buffalo Harbour--boats go down as far as Dunkirk--spent day in office--evening spent at Mr. & Mrs. Pomeroy's.

Wednesday April 15

Another pleasant day--in office all day--Cleveland greys out--look finely--Friend Woolson lost another lovely child--3 children in 3 weeks--the ways of Providence are inscrutable.

Thursday April 16

Most lovely day--Prentiss left for Huron to arrest a debtor there as he came along in Boat--In office all day as usual.

Friday April 17

Windy dry day--attended a suit before Esq. Hoadley & remained in office all day--evening attended small party at Mr. Cashier Rockwell's--pleasant time--

Saturday April 18

Next morning but warm--waiting New York charter election impatiently--in office all day--read Nicholas Nickelby--spent evening with wife.

Sunday April 19

At Church--Easter Sunday--pleasant day--at Church in evening again with wife.

Monday April 20

Most lovely day--rode up to Beebe's Rumor says Loco Focos carried city--Prentiss returned with Shff. & debtor, the Boat having left Huron, before could get off Boat--debtor was recaptured here--and he settled debt.

Tuesday April 21

Clear but windy day--Loco Foco majority about 1500 in N.Y.--a loss since last election--Whig gain nearly 400.

Wednesday 22d

Lovely day--at office all day--as usual--F. Pomeroy from Milwaukee arrived going East--bro't brother William's Law Library along--Left with me.

Thursday 23d April

At office--warm day--W. E. Trask from Windsor Vt. came rode about town with him--read at my room evening.

Friday April 24

Most lovely day--Rhode Island Whig 1300--Largest vote for Whigs ever given--P.M. rode out with wife--country looks rejuvenating--air sweet--peach trees in full blossom.

Saturday April 25

At office--very warm day, took walk on bank of Lake before breakfast--Business interest every where, still depressed--Spring does not revive it as was anticipated.

Must have reform in rulers-- different policy & honest men at the Helm.

Tuesday, May 5.

Pleasant day -- in office all day--read law-
wife & children walked up to Mr. Beebe's & back--News from
Virginia still continues good--yesterday National Convention
of Young Men at Baltimore--Proceeding & practices in Congress
continue Disgraceful.

Wednesday May 6

Lovely day--had head ache A.M. so walked about river
saw the splendid Steamer Great Western and 5 others--over
to Ohio city &c--walked off head ache--spent evening at home.

Thursday May 7

Another lovely day--in office all day.

May 8, Friday

In office all day--published another article on
Public Lands in Herald of to-day.

Saturday May 9.

In office all day--lovely day--attended to law
business--Virginia news all glorious--Baltimore Convention will
be or rather was glorious.

Sunday May 10

Attended Church A.M. & Stone Church P.M.--pleasant day.

Monday May 11

Pleasant day--prepared for Court to-morrow.

Tuesday May 12

First day of court--Judge Willey presides well--22000
delegates to Baltimore Convention--Mr. Clay in his speech said
Harrison would get 20 states--pleasant day--No nominations
made by the VanBuren National Convention--Woolson arrived.

Wednesday May 13

At court all day--Log Cabin meeting in the evening--
Hon. Elisha Whittlesy made good speech--news from all quarters
good--Loco Focos made no nomination of Vice President--Straws &c.

Thursday May 14

At Court--all day--very pleasant weather for several days--
Judge Willey does well.

Friday May 15

At Court--C.C. Trowbridge Esq. came--had a long walk and
a long talk with him--criminal business in Court to-day--very
warm but pleasant.

Saturday May 16

At Court A.M.--court adjourned over till Monday--very warm--
Root of Otsego here--great flood on the Mississippi.

Sunday May 17

At Church A.M. very warm--at home P.M.--got Amos Kendall's
letter of resignation of P.M. General--he retired to edit a
bitter political paper & advises the "Whole World" that he is
still attached to the present administration--Rats always run--
he looks to Spain.

Monday May 18

At Court--another very hot day--letter from
Robt. P.C. & Parson Tiffany--only one jury trial today--slow--
slow--read "New World" this evening--excellent paper.

Tuesday May 19, 1840

Another very warm day--summer clothes on--dusty--
At Court--news of a very destructive tornado at Natchez--
Flood on Mississippi &c--Prentiss went to Buffalo to-day.

Wednesday May 20.

At Court--warm day--commenced six suits to-day--cloudy &
windy this evening--No news of who is to be Post Master General--
rather.

Thursday May 21.

At court--pleasant day--Woolson returned from Detroit.

Friday May 22.

At Court--got along slow--very--pleasant day--
room with wife & children in evening--pleasant.

Saturday May 23.

James returned to-day--sold his horse, begins work to-
morrow again--had interesting trial this A.M.--very pleasant
weather--another article on Public Lands--the last--good.

Sunday May 24.

Did not attend church this A.M.--remained at home with
Woolson who was waiting Boat--he left at noon--P.M. attended
St. Luke Church--sleepy--pleasant day--Evening mail brings cheerful
political tidings.

Monday May 25

At Court--only one jury trial to-day, that one of no
sort of consequence--should have been tried in 30 minutes--
John M. Niles Post Master Gen'l--Good Lord deliver us--C. C.
Carrington Minister to Russia--There are those whom the people
could reward by the Party--surely the days of their misrule
are numbered as also are the days of this Republican form of
government--Letter from C. W. Huntington N.Y. good--my health
is good, my business from good to better & my mind at
to be able ease.

Tuesday May 26

At Court--Most lovely day--business proceeds slowly--
room out this evening with wife to Judge Whittlesy's, Beebe's &c.

Wednesday May 27

At court--warm day--Prentiss returned last night--

Thursday May 28

Another warm day--At Court.

Friday May 29

Another warm day--At Court.

Saturday May 30

Still very warm--at Court A.M. Court adj. till Monday.

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Sunday May 31

Very pleasant day--Church A.M.--At home P.M.

Monday June 1

At Court--still very warm--bo't strawberries--wrote a political article--VanEuren & his supporters making desperate efforts--but the people will conquer.

Tuesday June 2d

At Court--lovely weather--Saw Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Clarke of Wisconsin Steamer--wrote 8 letters to clients--ice cream in evening with wife.

Wednesday June 3d

Court yet--W. H. Averell Esq. came today--walked about town with & over to his farm--talked of Cooperstown & N.Y. politicks--He was in my room till 11 o'clock P.M.

Thursday June 4

Refreshing shower this A.M.--at office all day--Evening went to Theatre, out of compliment to Averell--a dirty disgusting place--Court adj. sine die.

Friday June 5

Very lovely weather--in office all day.

Saturday June 6

Delightful weather--at office as usual--read Junius--done business--rode out with wife & babies P.M. plenty of strawberries & peas for one week past.

Sunday June 7

At Episcopal Church A.M. Stone Church P.M. & Epis. Church in evening--pleasant day.

Monday June 8

Pleasant day--extra session of court for trial of criminals--Shall be prevented thereby attending celebration at Fort Meigs--There will be at 20,000 there.

Tuesday June 9

This has been a hot & exciting day--thousands arrived in town to-day on their way to Fort Meigs--several military companies from Buffalo-Ackron-Painesville &c--all marched thro' town--had a cold collation furnished by Cleveland Greys--At 8 o'clock there were six Steam Boats in harbour literally crammed with human beings--banners flying--cannon roaring, music playing--all enthusiasm--I left on Board the Steamer 60 of us chartered here for the celebration.

Wednesday June 10

Had fine night, reached Toledo 9 o'clock--8 Steamers there loaded with men--here we saluted each other--each Boat had a Band--The five boats proceeded up the river together--a most beautiful sight--on these five boats were at least 5000 persons--reached Perrysburg at 10½--here the roar of cannon greeted us--landed & proceeded to the old Fort--it is situated on an on the south side of the river--the embankments & traverses are still to be seen--here we surveyed the ground,

heard from those in the siege the story & order of the siege &c-- There was a large log cabin on the ground, a high staging for speakers &c--tents for military & ten long cabins for the people, all covering some 2 miles in circuit--early in the evening the speaking commenced from the centre staging & it was continued till 12 o'clock at night--I was called for several times but was too far to get thro' the crowd to answer--there was speaking in 20 places--Log cabin songs &c &c--over this whole circuit, camp fires &c--altogether a most exciting & interesting sight--at midnight the mock siege commenced--some hundreds of Indians & some 20 companies of military--this was kept up 3 hours--persons were taken & retaken--&c--a magnificent show--went to my berth on Steamer and to bed--At least 18000 people were up all night--Gen'l Harrison arrived at 6 o'clock P.M.

Thursday June 11

This has been a Day that will long remembered--Here at Fort Meigs are about 38,000 people celebrating the victory at this place 27 years ago--and the Gen'l who then fought for his country his countrymen are now about elevating to the Presidency-- At 10 A.M. Gen'l Harrison came on to the ground, ascended the staging and amid the 10's of thousands addressed them for one hour--he made a most excellent & fitting speech--it was timely--sound--appropriate--elegant--it was one of the best speeches delivered--voice good & distinctly heard--I had seen & heard him before but on this occasion he very far exceeded my expectations--I have given an account of this celebration to Otsego Republican & National Eagle--Ex-Senator Dixie spoke-- Gen'l Harrison's aide at Meigs & the Thames also spoke & with great effect--the Chaplain of Gen'l H. at the siege opened the proceedings by a prayer (Rev. Mr. Badger) very many affecting & exciting incidents occurred--it was a mighty demonstration of patriotic feeling--see my account when printed-- at 7 P.M. we left so fatigued that we could hardly stand--most lovely evening--in Toledo Bay--mouth of Maumee River the Boats let off Rockets &c.

Friday June 12

Reached Cleveland 8 1/2 A.M. washed &c--Gen'l Harrison is to be here to-day--warm day--people returning by thousands-- Gen'l did not arrive to-day.

Saturday June 13

Gen'l arrived at 10 A.M. at 11 he addressed some 4000 from steps of American one hour--then his two aides Maj. Clarkson & Col. Todd spoke--the citizens called upon him--I was confined at Court House nearly all day & till 12 at night trying criminals--I dined with the Gen'l &c--Evening the Log cabin was opened & many good speeches made.

Sunday June 14

At Ep. Church A.M. Gen'l H. there full church--fine day-- P.M. went to the Catholic church to hear Bishop Preastley--he gave a very learned & consistent discourse upon the "real presence"-- evening rode out with Judge E. D. Potter & talked over old times.

Monday June 15

This morning left on packet for Akron to escort Gen'l H & his aids--Alfred Kelley of Columbus, Walworth, Foot & myself went along--several hundred cheered the old Hero when we left--every little village & hamlet poured out its inhabitants to see him--it was a proud day because it was the real yeomanry who came to see him-- it was a lovely day-- had most pleasant time, got familiarly acquainted with Messrs. Todd & Clark & Co, & had good opportunity see, converse with & observe Gen'l H.--He is an honest, intelligent, sound in mind & body--at Akron we all walked up the locks thro' the town followed by several hundred people--at upper town the Gen'l & his two aids made short addresses to the people--at 10 o'clock the Gen'l & suit left amid cheers & the roaring of cannon--Agreed to correspond with Col. Todd, he married a daughter of Gov. Shelby--he is a brave man & has fought for his country--At 11 at night took another Packet for Cleveland.

Tuesday June 16

Pleasant day--reached Cleveland at 3 o'clock P.M. Evening called with wife on Mrs. Woolsey & had strawberries & cream--called also on Mrs. Brayton (the Bride).

Wednesday June 17

Lovely morning--at office--& feel refreshed after a week of excitement &c--took tea at Doct. Brayton's--had pleasant time wife & daughter with me.

Thursday June 18

In office all day, drawing declarations--pleasant day--all things politically look bright.

Friday June 19

At office all day till 6 P.M. then went to tea with wife & family at Mr. Hoadley's--spent evening there--delightful time--saw some beautiful Chinese prints &c--at home & bed at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Saturday June 20

Lovely day--at office all day--Two years ago this day left N.Y. for London on ship Wellington--had call from Mr. Granger, brother of "Frank."

Sunday 21

At church A.M. at home P.M. warm day.

Monday 22d

At office--got ready to go as far as Niagara Falls with family to-morrow--very warm day.

Tuesday 23d

Left on Steamer Cleveland for Buffalo--Brothers Geo. & Theodore along--had State Room A--most lovely day on the lake--reached Buffalo at 12 at night.

Wednesday June 24

Breakfasted at American--good--at 9 A.M. left in cars for Falls--at Falls at 11 o'clock--Stopped at "Eagle Tavern"

met several Otsego friends & from Albany--spent day running about Falls with family --lovely day.

Thursday June 25

This A.M. crossed Niagara River to see Review of Hiland Regiment--500 men--looked most splendidly--my two children delighted--warm day--returned, dined and at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. my wife & family left in cars for Otsego, and I remain at Falls till the morrow.

Friday June 26

At 6 P.M. left Falls for Buffalo--spend the day in calling on business friends & old acquaintances--warm day--Saw very many old friends.

Saturday June 27

At Buffalo--wrote part of an oration for the coming 4th July--made some calls &c.

Sunday June 28

Left Buffalo this A.M. At 9 in Steamer Cleveland for home--few passengers--warm day--reached Cleveland Monday A.M. 5.

Monday June 29

At home again--took a nap till breakfast--Then at office--all things right.

Tuesday June 30

At office--warm day--wrote more of oration.

Wednesday July 1.

Attended to business about town--cool--called on Mrs. Brayton--finished oration--one hour 20 minutes long--A Whig oration.

Thursday July 2d

At office--cool day--called at Mrs. Beebe's--got ready to go to Ravenna Portage Co. to celebrate--The whole country is on fire--The People are up.

Friday July 3d

Pleasant day--made demand of Bank for \$1000 for Mr. Jas. Averill--P.M. left in buggy for Ravenna with Haskell--drove to Hudson 25 miles & spent the night--pleasant ride--

Saturday July 4

Reached Ravenna 13 miles at 9 o'clock A.M.--Most lovely & glorious day--at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. procession formed & after assembling, reading Declaration, singing ode & music by German Band--I delivered my oration to a large & intelligent audience--It was called excellent and I am satisfied with the effort--adjourned for dinner--At 3 P.M. assembled again--when Mr. Atwater of Conn. a Senator of the State--addressed the people--then Moses Hampton a Lawyer of Pittsburgh--this last speech was just the thing to close with & kept the people in a constant roar of laughter for one hour--Then took tea with Mr. Lyman & came back to Hudson and slept--never spent the 4th July more agreeably.

Sunday July 5

Rode home--warm dusty day--spent P.M. in my room
resting--two years ago this day was on the Atlantic Ocean,
near the British coast.

Monday July 6.

Another warm day--at office ready for business--
Filed Declarations--read at my room--feel lonely wife & children
all gone.

Tuesday July 7

Warm day--rode out to Brayton's with Pomeroy, to find
the old "Pomeroy Gun"--found it--spent evening in my room--
read American Jurist.

Wednesday July 8-

Rained last night & rains this morning--needed it very
much--had call from Doct. Rice from Detroit.

Thursday July 9-

Warm day--Had long talk with Mr. Henry Dwight--presented
more money or Bills for Specie--rec'd letter from wife--all
well & enjoying life.

Friday July 10

Warm day--settled with Bank--they complied with
requisition fully--took ride horse back in evening--read in
my room till midnight.

Saturday July 11

Warm day--read several popular pamphlets--read
till 10 at night & then retired.

Sunday July 12

Very warm day--at Church A.M.--P.M. remained in my
room--July 12, 1836 attended the Coronation Review at Hyde Park--
200,000 people--most magnificent sight.

Monday July 13

Rained last night--warm but sweet air this A.M. at
office--P.M. rode to Brighton 5 miles about the Pomeroy Gun
with Mr. Kunfee--evening wrote an editorial article for Herald
on Palace Furniture.

Tuesday July 14

Warm day--at office A.M.--In office all day--made out
Depositions for Mr. Campbell --in the evening attended
Mr. Buckingham's Lecture--good but read it all before.

Wednesday July 15

Warm day--wrote another article for "Herald"
Palace Furniture (editorial) evening another Lecture--most
excellent--well attended.

Thursday July 16

Very warm--After noon a most furious gale & storm--
evening at room--had Weatherby, McDonald, Pease & Potter--good
cigars and champaign.

Friday July 17

Pleasant A.M.--showery - but sultry between showers--
At office--wrote editorial on Sub Treasury Law--must finish my
letter to wife--I shall soon be with her.

Saturday July 18

Another lovely day--warm--at office--rec'd letter
from wife--all well--evening spent with Messrs. McDonald &
others.

Sunday July 19

At church A.M. Judge Potter with me--P.M. at home
in room--evening walked with Weatherby--most lovely evening--
sun set on Lake Erie most magnificent.

Monday July 20

Had business about town, warm running about--evening
rode out with Potter- wrote to Woolson.

Tuesday July 21

First day of court--still lovely weather--little
business at this term--all new business goes over.

Wednesday July 22

Rainy night & A.M. powerful rain--P.M. cleared up--
At court--invited to dine out to-morrow--Louisiana Election news
comes in right--hope will give us Legislature & Gov.

Thursday July 23

Windy day--some rain--At Court A.M.
Dined at Thos. Kelley's--6 guests--good dinner & good time--
Evening went to circus--1200 persons present--such exhibitions
always take in the people.

Friday July 24

At Court--got prisoner discharged on habeas corpus--
gave me 5 sovereigns --had several new clients to-day--
getting ready to go to-morrow to Otsego--shall soon see my
dear family.

Saturday July 25

Left in Steamer Cleveland at 10 P.M. Hon. S. S. Prentiss
of Miss. addressed the people from Boat in a most eloquent
manner--been a busy day--but now off for my family.

Sunday July 26

Reached Buffalo A.M. --took stage for Batavia--
at 2 P.M. left Batavia--reached Rochester by Rail Road & was
obliged to stay over--stage full.

Monday July 27

Saw Chancellor Whittlesey & Hon. Mr. Filmore
last evening--left at 5 o'clock this A.M. by stage for Auburn--
at Auburn 2 P.M. then by Rail Road to Utica, arrived at 8 P.M.
staid at "Saggs".

Tuesday July 28

Left by stage for Cooperstown & arrived there 6½ P.M.
found dear wife & children all well--glad to see them & they me.

Wednesday July 29

Remained in & about village--attended examination of Duff's school--good.

Thursday July 30

Went to Church to hear Bishop DeLancey--good sermon--& the church is fitted up in elegant taste.

Friday July 31

Went Fishing with Parson Campbell and attended Mr. Duff's Lake Party--fine time--old friends & acquaintances.

Saturday Aug. 1

More fishing--rainy night & I would not go to the Log Cabin & make speech.

Sunday Aug. 2d

At church A.M.--heard good Parson Tiffany--P.M. heard Parson Campbell at Presbyterian--pleasant day--smoked with Rich'd Cooper &c.

Monday Aug. 3d

Went Trouting with Parson Campbell--over into Westford & Maryland--fine sport--put up with a good Deacon in Westford.

Tuesday Aug. 4

Fished all day--had good luck--saw some fine Trout could not take--returned some.

Wednesday Aug. 5

At Home & about Town--party in evening.

Thursday Aug. 6

At home--rode out.

Friday Aug. 7

Again the Parson & I went over to Westford & Maryland for the Trout--good luck & fished till 9 P.M. slept at Tavern in Westford.

Saturday Aug. 8

Commenced fishing at 5 A.M.--fished down brook into Maryland--I caught 12 Trout that weighed 12 pounds & one that weighed 1 pound 1 oz.--great luck--got home evening,

Sunday Aug. 9

At church all day--some rainy.

Monday Aug. 10

Went to Utica with E. B. Norehouse--to attend Loco Foco & Whig conventions--good ride and lots of fun.

Tuesday Aug. 11

Loco Foco meeting in Utica--The triumph of the Whigs in Indiana cooled them--poor speaking no enthusiasm--all flat & unprofitable--about 4000 people.

Wednesday August 12

Great Whig gathering at Utica--procession 5 miles long--

& a most glorious one--met in public square--10 acres--30,000 people at least--Talmage, Southard & other great speakers--all enthusiasm--all cheerful --all confidence of success--heard heard Banker Hill in evening--saw many old friends and had a great day.

Thursday Aug. 13

Returned to Cooperstown--reached there 3 P.M. found Woolson & wife.

Friday Aug. 14

Got ready to go East with Woolson & take my nephew Turner Leavitt along.

Saturday Aug. 15

Left for N.H. in private carriage--with Woolson, Mrs. Lowell & nephew--drove to Johnstown this day--

Aug. Sunday 16

Travelled to Saratoga Spa this day--a pleasant day & ride.

Monday Aug. 17

Drove to Manchester foot of Green Mountains this day--left boy at Cambridge--great ride--Hon. Mr. Briggs of Mass. at same public house.

ed Tuesday Aug. 18th

Cross/the Mountains--caught Trout enough for Dinner--Stopped at Chester to attend Whig Meeting on the morrow--Woolson & sister went along.

Wednesday Aug. 19

Great gathering at Chester--12000 people --2000 Green Mountain Gals--Gen'l Wilson of N. H. made great speech--Saw Hall Everett of Congress & many old friends of my youth--a very enthusiastic meeting--Vermont will spurn the spoilers and their doctrines--Went to Bellows Falls this night with Gen'l Wilson--Grant &c.

Thursday Aug. 20

Rode up to Claremont this A.M. & there saw my dear Father & Mother & Sister--

Invited to stay over till Saturday and make a speech--agreed to.

Friday Aug. 21

Staid all day with my mother & sister & also the night.

Saturday Aug. 22d

This P.M. the good people of this & adjoining towns assembled to hear a speech from me--having been raised here much curiosity was manifested on their part & not a little anxiety on mine. The Ladies turned out which before they never had done on like occasions. The old meeting house was filled. I was announced as a "Claremont Boy" & rec'd by the most enthusiastic applause--I was gratified--I spoke 2 hours and to my own satisfaction & I should think to the satisfaction of the people--see speech reported in National Eagle by Marland.

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Sunday Aug. 23d

At church at Westport--where I attended school in my youth as Prefect in Catholic school--Parson Howe--P.M. father took me to take stage at Chester, Vt.--Stage gone on to top of mountain was told--drove on thro' rain--reached Landsgrove 10 P.M. dark & rainy--stage gone over to Manchester 12 miles--hired another horse & put on in rain & darkness over the dismal mountain--so dark had to lead horse 7 miles & feel my way--horrid night--reached Manchester 5 A.M.

Monday Aug. 24

At Manchester Vt. 3 A.M. found stage had gone 30 minutes--hired man to take me on--and came up with stage at Arlington--reached Troy 3 P.M. found Morrison of New York.

Tuesday Aug. 25

At Troy--did business with Morrison & he left--I remained to see another man--and attended Loco Foco mass meeting--not over 500 present--bad speaking--no life--no cheering--spent evening with Pomeroy.

Wednesday Aug. 26

At Troy all day did not close my business.

Thursday Aug. 27

At Troy & Albany all day--closed business spent evening with Pomeroy.

Friday Aug. 28

Left Troy & went to Saratoga Spa--where I spent the day & night.

Saturday Aug. 29

Left Saratoga & went to Cooperstown via Schenectady--found all well at home--in evening went to Fly Creek & made a speech at big meeting.

Sunday Aug. 30

At Cooperstown & at church--Parson Tiffany--pleasant day.

Monday Aug. 31

At home--all day--with family.

Tuesday Sept. 1

About town all day with brother Robt.

Wednesday Sept. 2.

At Cooperstown all day.

Thursday Sept. 3d

At home all day.

Friday Sept. 4

Log Cabin meeting in evening--large meeting--all good citizens out--I made speech 1½ hours to my old political associates--good.

Saturday Sept. 5

Went to Laurens with 10 others to a Liberty Pole raising--700 people present--made them a good enthusiastic speech.

Sunday Sept. 6

At Church A.M.--P.M. packed trunk and got ready to return to Cleveland--leave my wife & children to come Oct. 1 with George.

Monday Sept. 7

Left Cooperstown with James for Fort Plain--took Rail Road--at Auburn 9 P.M. rode all night--lovely night and reached Rochester 7 A.M.

Tuesday Sept. 8

Travelled from Rochester to Buffalo--in evening heard Gen'l Wilson make speech--good.

Wednesday Sept. 9

At Buffalo all day--saw Gen'l Wilson--C.P. Barker--Filmore &c--in evening took Steamer Sandusky for Cleveland with all Buffalo for Erie celebration.

Thursday Sept. 10

At Erie--great day--each party had celebrations--Whigs 20,000 at least--Locos not over 6000--Granger & Wilson & other orators--introduced Gen'l Wilson to all my western friends.

In evening went to Boat & got Wilson out of his berth & had him go up and make another speech--such continu^{ed} & boundless enthusiasm I never saw.

Friday Sept. 11

At Erie all day--so much wind no Boat could go up Lake--P.M. some 6000 assembled in Public Square & had more speeches--I made one--then some military display--then an address by Mr. Sill of Erie to military--then songs, speeches &c &c till midnight.

Saturday Sept. 12

Left Erie 2 A.M. reached Cleveland at 3 P.M. now at home--glad am I.

Sunday Sept. 13

At Cleveland--at church A.M. Parson Berry.
cold windy day.

Monday Sept. 14

In office all day--all right--cold day.

Tuesday Sept. 15

Pleasant day--went to Parma with Shrff Candidate Miller to general training & to electioneer--good time.

Wednesday Sept. 16

At office all day--wrote letters &c--cold windy weather.

Thursday Sept. 17

Another wet cold & windy day--no boats.

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Friday Sept. 18
Cold windy day--People are gathering by 10s, 50s & 100,000--at Bunker Hill & at Dayton 100,000 are assembled--The People must triumph this time.

Saturday Sept. 19
Went to Euclid & made a speech at 2 P.M.
church full--plenty of Ladies.

Sunday Sept. 20
At church 3 times to-day--cold & windy.

Monday Sept. 21
Pleasant day--rumor that Maine is gone Whig--Don't believe it.

Tuesday Sept. 22d
At office--pleasant day--news from Maine good--it may be true--peaches still plenty & good--grapes fine--my family will be here in few days.

Wednesday Sept. 23d
At office--good news from still stronger and stronger--"guess 'tis so"--

Thursday Sept. 24
Went to Mayfield to stump it--Doct. Weston Hoyt & Barr along--good time--fine farms 16 miles--staid over night at Orange--good cheer.

Friday Sept. 25
Rode in A.M. to Chagrin Falls--then back & to Warrensville and attended political gathering 500 present--good fare & good cheer this day--got home 8½ clock--Whigs have carried Maine--Hurrah--Hurrah!

Saturday Sept. 26
This has been a great day in this city--the Vice President, Governor Shannon, Senators Tappan & Allen were showed off here and they showed up themselves--A great crowd--10,000--Col. R. M. Johnson appeared in a most humiliating condition--his talk was senseless & ridiculous--I regret it sincerely as an American citizen--There were as many Whigs as Loco Focos--all was attention while the Vice President & Governor were speaking--but when Senator Allen commenced his tirade, the Whigs withdrew in a body--taking more than one half of the Loco Foco audience--it was a splendid move--the Locos cursed and raved--Col. Dick raved also--The Whigs marched to Log Cabin & in front held their meeting--it was enthusiastic beyond any thing I ever witnessed--Evening at Log Cabin--speakers from Louisiana & Maine.

Sunday Sept. 27
At Stone church A.M. Mr. Aikin--P.M. at Church Ohio City--Mr. Berry--Col. Johnson & Gov. Shannon did not attend church & left city at noon.

Monday Sept. 28
At office--wrote an account of Saturday's doings for Herald of to-day & to-morrow--getting ready to housekeep--

furniture all here--& dear wife & children to be here Oct. 2d--
Prentiss gone to Seneca Co.--pleasant day somewhat sickly--
Invitations to go to Detroit Buffalo & Pittsburgh on the 5th &
7th Battle of Thames--can't go.

Tuesday Sept. 29

Rainy day--invitation to to Dover to speak, and also
to Painsville--Shall to Painsville.

Wednesday Sept. 30

Rainy day--getting house in order--rainy evening--
In office & at house.

Thursday Oct. 1

Lovely day--letter from Woolson--wants me to go to
N.H. can't--but wish could--Funeral of Mr. Card (?) a brother
lawyer--Bar all out, large funeral--great meeting at
Detroit yesterday in the rain--12,000 people--James left
American to day.

Friday Oct. 2d

Pleasant A.M.--My wife & babies leave Buffalo this
P.M. in Cleveland Steamer--shall be delighted to see them--
cloudy & windy P.M.

Saturday Oct. 3d

No boat--family ought to have arrived to-day--
very anxious--slept most all night--windy and Lake waves run
high.

Sunday Oct. 4th

Rather pleasant day--staid from Church & watched Boats--
no boat to-day--up all night.

Monday Oct. 5

Boat arrived this A.M. 3½ o'clock, family all come--all
well--they staid at Erie two days--went into house at once--
This day is Anniversary of Thames battle fought 27 years ago to-
day--A most animating & enthusiastic meeting of this county--
great day here--Left American House this day before breakfast.

Tuesday Oct. 6

Pleasant day--about House most of day--all preparation
for election--going to Bucksville Thursday to stump a little.

Wednesday Oct. 7

Pleasant day--at office & house all day.

Thursday Oct. 8.

Went to Bucksville 14 miles--took S. B. Prentiss Esq.
of Vermont along--great gathering for town political meeting--
escorted into town by 296 horsemen &c--300 Ladies, 1000 men--
Refreshments furnished for all gratuitously--speaking in open
air--I spoke first--one hour & ten minutes--then Hon. J. W. Allen
& so on--the enthusiasm & activity of the Whigs is most astonishing--
we shall triumph in this State & in the United States--else we are
not the United States long I fear--misrule can no longer be borne
and when this misrule is sought to be perpetuated by corruption &

official profligacy, how can the People endure it longer--
Unless we have a change of Ruler--a change of policy--
my fixed belief is that hereafter a change only can be effected
by the strong arms of the People.

Friday Oct. 9.

A wet, windy, unpleasant day--in office A.M. bo't some
furniture P.M.--agreed to go to Strongsville to morrow--but
am hoarse.

Foreign news looks little warlike--if there be war
it will be a general one among the European Powers.

Saturday Oct. 10

Went with Judge Whittlesey to Strongsville to
Political meeting--rained just as got ready to return 4½ P.M.
6 or 700 people present--got wet.

Sunday Oct. 11

At home--church did not go, putting up organ--
Windy day--read--& wrote.

Monday Oct. 12

One year this day admitted to the Bar of Ohio--
at office all day--to-morrow Election for State offices--Whigs
will get 10,000 popular maj. I say--shall see.

Grand rally at Log Cabin to-night. The rally was
enthusiastic--torches--some 60--marched to Chic City & back--
band of music.

Tuesday Oct. 13

Election day--orderly--voted for Corwin &c--Whig maj.
in city 171--County 1066--Whig maj on the Reserve will be
over 9000.

Wednesday Oct. 14

Whig maj on Reserve about 10,000--state is safe & the
Whig triumph complete.

Thursday Oct. 15

My birth day--34 years old--last birth day on Lake Erie--
election news comes in gloriously--State will give 15,000 for
Corwin--sent the good news to N.Y. & N.H.

Friday Oct. 16

Pleasant day--party to T. M. Kelley's--wife can't go--
in office all day--wrote to Senator Prentiss of Vermont &
Gen'l JAS. Wilson of N.H.--attended the party--pleasant one--
Election returns glorious--In 66 Co's Whig maj 18,449--and
Dr. Duncan of Cincinnati is defeated--The popular triumph through-
out the entire country is unprecedented--Georgia--Maryland &
Delaware - O.K.

Saturday Oct. 17

Windy & wet day--at office--Whigs of Mayfield appointed
this day for Andrews & self to come out & make speeches to them--
but the battle is fought & won--why any more talking--we can't go.

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Sunday Oct. 18

At Church with family all day--full church--
Parson Berry.

Monday Oct. 19

Cold & rainy day--at office--election returns from Penna
not so favorable as expected--N. Jersey has nobly sustained
her "broad seal"--

F. J. Prentiss my partner married in Buffalo last
Thursday evening--Oct. 15th my birth day.

Tuesday Oct. 20

Very pleasant day--in office--P.M. settled with Pomeroy
for Bishop & Swift--Election returns are the all engrossing
matters now.

I am very comfortably settled in my new house--
I am happy with my dear family.

Wednesday Oct. 21

Wet rainy day--first day of Fair & Cattle Show of the
Agricultural Society of this county--bad day for it--Sam'l B.
Campbell came to day from Otsego.

Thursday Oct. 22

Pleasant day--Fair at Court House--well attended--
military out--Ralph Granger of Painsville gave the address--good--
Auction of premium articles &c--evening spent at home.

Friday Oct. 23d

Pleasant day--at office all day.

Saturday Oct. 24

Windy day--at office.

Sunday Oct. 25

At church A.M.--Text--He that exalteth himself &c--
P.M. at home--rather unpleasant day.

Monday Oct. 26

Windy, cold weather--no mails for some days--
In Penna Whigs have maj. in Senate, in House & have gained 2 in
Congress--still the popular vote is rather against us. Old Tip
will carry the State I believe.

Tuesday Oct. 27

Another bad day--in office all day--last mail from
N.Y. Oct. 21--Foreign news warlike very--Election news every-
where cheering--The result no longer doubtful.

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Another wet rainy day--no boats--in office all day--
requested to attend a political gathering 20 miles from this
to-day--declined.

Thursday Oct. 29

Another rainy day--Meeting at Log Cabin to-night--
election to-morrow--I think the aggregate vote of the State
will be less than on 12th--but that Whig maj will be greater--

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we triumphed so overwhelmingly then, that I fear we shall not come out as generally as should do—but the defeat of opponents was so annihilating, that they cannot rally as strong as before.

Friday Oct. 30

Election day for President of U.S.A.--voted early for W. H. Harrison, and never before felt the value of a vote so much, fine day, all quiet A.M.--over 1200 votes polled--and 308 Whig Maj! Glorious--up till 11½ P.M. 1300 maj. in county I think--all looks well.

Saturday Oct. 31

Returns come in well. Old Tip will get about 23,000 maj in State--The country is safe--the spoils party defeated.

Sunday Nov. 1

At Church A.M.--At Stone church P.M. pleasant day--election returns still cheering.

Monday Nov. 2

Lovely day--Whig maj in this Co. 1289--Penna returns all increased majority for Whigs & diminished for Loco's--Great conspiracy in New York--attempt to implicate Gov. Seward, Grennell &c.

Tuesday Nov. 3

Lovely day--in office--P.M. rode out with wife--7000 ahead as far as heard from in Penna.

Wednesday Nov. 4

Lovely day--in office all day--election news from Penn. makes it doubtful which party has succeeded.

Thursday Nov. 5

Another lovely day--in office--Still ahead in Penna but the battle doubtful--Wayne Co. Michigan Whig.

Friday Nov. 6

Lovely day--N.Y. returns come in gloriously--for Old Tip--Michigan for Old Tip--The Legislature Loco I guess--sorry for U. S. Senator is to be chosen--Connt. over 6000 for Harrison--still little ahead in Penn.

Saturday Nov. 7

Another summer day--at office A.M. wrote letters &c--at home early in evening read Tuiet's French Revolution.

Sunday Nov. 8

Rainy windy day--at Church A.M. P.M. at home quietly with family--Doct. Brayton came in during evening.

Monday Nov. 9

Pleasant day--election news from N.Y. good--Penna still doubtful--Virginia reasonably well so far--look for Mr. & Mrs. Woolson in day or two--health good--letter from Father--all well--my good old Grandmother is dead--aged 99 years.

Tuesday Nov. 10th

Woolson & family arrived to-day--pleasant day--
New York has gone for Old Tip by over 10,000 majority--
good- Penna still doubtful.

Wednesday 11th Nov.

Pleasant day--in office all day--Illinois as possibly
gone Whig--Tenn. is going well for Old Tip--The only question now,
how large a majority will Harrison get--for he already has a
majority of the Electoral votes--

Thursday Nov. 12

Pleasant day--in office getting ready for Court.

Friday Nov. 13

At office all day.

Saturday Nov. 14

At office all day.

Sunday Nov. 15

At St. John's Church Ohio City A.M. Rt. Revd. Bishop
McDonough preached--eloquent sermon--P.M. in Cleveland--
great sermon in evening again & another very eloquent sermon--
I delight to hear such sermonizing.

Monday Nov. 16

At office all day--evening again to church--Bishop
preached another most eloquent & effective sermon.

Tuesday Nov. 17

First day of Nov. Term--Judge Potter presiding--
I knew him when a clerk in Clark's office Otsego Co. N.Y. --
clever man but not a good Judge--not legal knowledge enough.

Wednesday Nov. 18

At Court--got along slowly--Tennessee, Illinois &
Delaware gone Whig--have an illumination guns &c to-morrow evening.

Thursday Nov. 19

At Court--Judge Potter took tea with me--Evening
illumination fire works & guns - went off finely--had oyster
supper at home.

Friday Nov. 20

At Court--took \$10,000 in judgts. to-day--pleasant day--
attended party at Mr. Milford's with Miss Woolson--pleasant eve.

Saturday Nov. 21

At Court--all day.

Sunday Nov. 22

At Church A.M. at office P.M.

Monday Nov. 23

At Court--in P.M. objections were raised vs. Judge Potter
sitting--He being President Judge of the 12th Circuit, it was
contended that the law authorizing a President Judge to hold
courts out of his Circuit was unconstitutional--And it was so
held by the Associate Judges--Court adjourned till the morrow.

Tuesday Nov. 24

Court met this morning--Potter not on the bench--the question was further argued at request of Judges--& the Court took till Monday next to advise & write to Columbus.

Wednesday Nov. 25

At office--all day--cold day--party at Murfey's--

Thursday Nov. 26

At office--weather moderate - F. C. Pomeroy arrived this day to marry Miss Woolson at my house.

Friday Nov. 27

At office all day--pleasant.

Saturday Nov. 28

At 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Fenimore C. & Stella were married in Trinity Church by Rev. Mr. Berry--They left with Henry C. Woolson after dinner for West.

Sunday Nov. 29

At church A.M.-P.M. at home--windy day.

Monday Nov. 30

Court again in session--Potter again on bench--
At Court all day.

Tuesday Dec. 1.

Woolson left this A.M. for Detroit--at Court all day--Harrington of Buffalo commenced his Clerkship to-day with me.

Wednesday Dec 2

At Court all day.

Thursday Dec. 3

At Court all day--invited to attend Whig celebration in Euclid on Tuesday--declined--this evening had small oyster supper party.

Friday Dec. 4

At Court all day.

Saturday Dec. 5

At Court A.M. P.M. at office

Sunday Dec. 6

At Church A.M. Six inches snow fell last night, more than at any time last year or for some years previous.

Monday Dec. 7

At Court--Woolson returned this A.M.

Tuesday Dec. 8

At Court all day.

Wednesday Dec. 9.

At Court all day--Spring like day--Judge Potter dined with me--had letter requesting me to meet Mr. Webster at Phila or Lancaster last of month--cant go--S.B. & F. J. Prentiss left office this evening.

Thursday Dec. 10

Ann left this A.M.--At Court this day.

Friday Dec. 11

At Court--Spent evening at Judge Willey's.

Saturday Dec. 12

At Court A.M.--read Gov. Shannon's message - "Bank Reform"--Wet day.

Sunday Dec. 13

At Stone church A.M. at home P.M.--wet day.

Monday Dec. 14

At Court all day--wet, muddy &c--rec'd large mail to-day--great snow storm East--no quorum in either House of Congress--no Pres'd message yet.

Tuesday Dec. 15

At Court.

Wednesday Dec. 16

Court adjourned sine Die--E. D. Potter held Court--done pretty well considering--means well but has not a legal mind--& has never studied law--I am well satisfied with his decisions in my cases.

Thursday Dec. 17

Snow Storm--Judge Potter dined with me--Ladies dined out at Beebee's--Pres'd message came--short & ? save his laudation of his own administration--this by the way was necessary after the condemnation of the American people.

Friday Dec. 18

Pretty good sleighing--snowed P.M.--in office all day--business came in good.

Saturday Dec. 19

Good sleighing about Cleveland--at office all day.

Sunday Dec. 20

At Church A.M.--P.M. at home--pleasant day.

Monday Dec. 21

At office all day--Gov. Corwin's Inaugural rec'd--good, well written & statesmanlike.

Tuesday Dec. 22

Pleasant day--at office--evening at Weatherby's with wife & Woolson & others to an oyster supper party.

Wednesday Dec. 23

Fine weather--Ball of Cleveland Greys at American--this night--It is announced that Dan'l Webster will be Secretary of State --by authority--most excellent--Attended the Ball & danced &c.

Thursday Dec. 24

At office all day--pretty good sleighing about this

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neighborhood--Webster has exposed Pres'd message on the currency & debt question, Mr. Clay has moved a repeal of Sub Treasury.

Friday Dec. 25

Christmas day--at Church--then sleigh ride 4 in hand--then dined on venison -then at office till 9 o'clock.

Saturday Dec. 26

At office - good sleighing.

Sunday Dec. 27

At Church all day--good sleighing.

Monday Dec. 28th

At office till 8 A.M. then took horse & cutter & wife & off on collecting tour--drove to Unionville Granger Co. thro' Euclid, Willoughby, Richmond city, Painsville & c., good ride--wife enjoyed it.

Tuesday Dec. 29

Left Unionville A. M., to Chardon, thence to Bainbridge where staid all night at a miserable tavern--cold & stormy--plenty snow to-day.

Wednesday Dec. 30

Up & off at day light --down to Hudson to Breakfast--good one--left wife here & went to Cuyahoga Falls--then back and took wife & home to Cleveland by 7 P.M.--good sleighing & had a most agreeable journey.

Thursday Dec. 31

At office all day--cold yet--this day ends the year -- have only put down weather & other small incidents of late-- my business is good & have less time & inclination to record my thoughts than formerly--full of ambition--hope--& confidence-- Health of self & family been good past year for which I am thankful--My expectations for last year have been more than realized--my expectations for coming year are great-- & I hope I may not be disappointed.

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This begins a new year--made all calls to-day--a social, cheerful & agreeable time--town very gay--good sleighing.

Saturday Jan. 2d

Left this A. M. for Bellevue Sandusky Co. & round on collecting tour--alone--drove to Vermillion 45 mile --coldest day for years--lodged at Temperance House--

Sunday Jan. 3d.

This day drove to Bellevue & stopped for night--another cold-cold day.

Monday Jan. 4

This day down to town of Litchfield near Medina--was dance at tavern and staid over night--great time--cold day very--drove 54 miles excellent sleighing.

Tuesday Jan. 5

Drove to Medina & Copley & then north home 30 miles--about 60 miles to-day--at home 7 P.M.--glad to get back--commenced raining this evening.

Wednesday Jan. 6

Wet day, snow going, going, most gone--at office all day.

Thursday Jan. 7

Wet rainy day--no sleighing--my business coming good for near year--Capt. Monroe, Lieut. Bates etc at my house this evening.

Friday Jan. 8

At office all day--moist weather.

Saturday Jan. 9

At office--business increasing daily.

Sunday Jan. 10

At Church A.M.-- at Stone church P.M.

Monday Jan. 11.

At office--snow--no news of importance for last few days.

Tuesday Jan. 12

At office--correspondence between Secretary of State & British Minister about "Caroline" and McLeod warlike.

Wednesday Jan. 13

At office--Criminal Court in session.

Thursday Jan. 14

At office--made out report of pauper & criminal expenditures of this town & county & regards it important.

Friday Jan. 15

At office--good business to-day--warm weather- springlike.

Saturday Jan. 16

At office--all day--warm--had letter from Hon. J. W. Allen--all right at Washington.

Sunday Jan. 17

At church A.M. at home P.M. cold bleak day.

Monday Jan. 18

At office all day--business good--more sleighing.

Tuesday Jan. 19

At office--snow remains--sleighs run merrily--
Bankrupt Bill will pass this Congress I think.
Had letters from Turner & Ann Leavitt--niece & nephew--11 & 14
years old--good scholars.

Wednesday Jan. 20

At office--my clerk unsteady--have to be at office
constantly as no reliance can be placed on him--this evening
made a Report upon the Pauper & Criminal expenditures of
this county & what portion chargeable to Intemperance at
Stone church, full house--to be printed & read in every
pulpit in county--same evening attended small party at Doct.
Torry's with wife.

Thursday Jan. 21

At office all day--snow remains--only few inches--
evening went to hear Lecture from Pres'd Lathrop--Subject
Commercial Revulsions & their causes &c--most excellent.

Friday Jan. 22

At office all day--Cabinet not yet determined on save 5
members--Evening at party given by J. F. Cook--large party--
pleasant.

Saturday Jan. 23

At office--icy, windy--chilly--letter from J. W. Allen,
M.C.

Sunday Jan. 24

At Church all day--My Temperance report or rather the
statistics of pauper & criminal expenditures was published in
daily Herald yesterday--to read in every congregation in the
county, published in pamphlet for distribution, &c.

Monday Jan. 25

At office all day--evening attended a party at Doct.
Brayton's.

Tuesday Jan. 26

At office--cold wet day--Pennsylvania Banks resumed specie
payments 15th & as yet have sustained themselves.

Wednesday Jan. 27

At office--wet day.

Thursday Jan. 28

At office--H. Roseboom from Cherry Valley came in town to settle with Hayden & Co. for Bishop & Swift--I am to aid--amt. about \$3000.

Friday Jan. 29

At office--closed with Hayden & Co.--got security--pleasant day--letter from Allen M. C.

Saturday Jan. 30

At office--pleasant day--Hitchcock dined with me--head ache to-day.

Sunday Jan. 31

At Church A.M.--Stone Church P.M. Parson Berry did not preach this P.M.

Monday Feby. 1.

At office all day.

Tuesday Feby 2

At office.

Wednesday Feby 3d

At office.

Thursday Feby 4

At office all day.

Friday Feby 5

At Office.

Saturday Feby 6

At office--cold weather.

Sunday Feby 7th

At church all day--pleasant day.

Monday Feby 8

At office--news that U. S. Bank had again suspended--paid out since resumption on 15th Jan. 6,000,000 of specie & specie funds--it cannot rise again I think--other Phila Banks suspended also, & probably all the south & west will suspend & stay suspended some time.

Tuesday Feby 9

At office all day--cold weather--great panic in Phila. about money matters.

Wednesday Feby 10

At office--very cold--sent out invitations for party for tomorrow.

Thursday Feby 11

At office--party at my house to-night--cold, cold very--74 persons --all most affable.

Friday Feby 12

At office--cold day--very cold--attended small party at "American" by Mr. & Mrs. ...

Saturday Feby 13

At office all day--Woolson left for Detroit this P.M.--another cold day--The monetary affairs of the States & nation in a very unsettled state--must have a National Bank--The old U. S. Bank & the Jackson & VanBuren administrations like the Kilkenny Cats, devoured each other--peace to their manes but let their fate be a warning to them who come after.

Sunday Feby 14

At church--Evening spent with Gen'l Geo. P. Barker--agreed to go to Columbus &c with him.

Monday Feby 15

Left after dinner for Medina with Messrs Barker, Hitchcock in two horse buggy--fine roads--27 miles in 3½ hours--pleasant evening at Medina.

Tuesday Feby 16

Left Medina at 11 o'clock A.M. by stage for Columbus--supped at Worcester--passed over the Loudon Hills in the night--reached Mt. Vernon at 3 A.M.

Wednesday Feby 17

Left Mt. Vernon after breakfast and reached Columbus at 7 P.M. 45 miles--From Cleveland to Worcester 54--to Mt. Vernon 44 miles total 143 miles--a most luxuriantly rich and productive country.

Thursday Feby 18

Visited both branches of the Legislature & was introduced to all the leading members--visited the State Library which is quite respectable--also the State Board of Equalization which is now in session--Ohio Legislature is composed of a goodly quantum of talent, with considerable of the raw material--had a pleasant day.

Friday Feby 19

Gen'l Medary escorted Messrs. Barker, Beebee & self to the Penitentiary, Insane Hospital &c which are as well arranged & the internal policies as judicious as any I ever visited--These Institutions are an honor to the State--Spent a good deal of time in the Legislature--State Bank of Ohio Bill passed the House this day--invited to a party but did not attend.

Saturday Feby 20

Introduced to Gov. Corwin to-day--a very agreeable man--Judge Wright also--run about town, attended the Legislature, Board of Equalization &c--summer like weather.

Sunday Feby 21 /sic/

Remained in my room--wrote to my wife & others--head ache so bad P.M. could not go to church.

Monday Feby 22

Awoke this A.M. by firing of guns & beating of drums--the birth day of Washington--Legislature adjourned at noon for the day--lovely day--in the evening military attended the Theatre--I attended little while but it was indifferent amusement.

Tuesday Feby 23d

At the Legislature A.M. made out a tabular statement last night & this morning, showing the aggregate valuation of the real & personal estate of the State in 1840 & 1855 and other interesting statistics--also a letter for the Cleveland Herald.

Wednesday Feby 24

At Columbus yet--had a delightful ride horseback on National road 13 miles with Gen'l Duncan & Editor of State Journal--Mr. Smith--robbins--blue birds &c spring like day--Had Lettice at dinner--Columbus is far from being a pleasant place for a residence--the atmosphere must be humid--situation of city low, in the midst of a very level but rich bottom land country.

Thursday Feby 25

At the Legislature most of day--took tea with J. W. Andrews, Esq. & spent evening till 8 o'clock--then went to my room--at the American & dressed for a Ball & attended balance of night--pleasant--many pretty Ladies.

Friday Feby 26

Left Columbus at 11 o'clock in stage with Col. Whittlesey for Home--reached Mount Vernon at midnight, where we held over--roads somewhat muddy--hard days ride.

Saturday Feby 27

Took horse & buggy and drove 12 miles to Milwood on business--had a lonely ride & got fatigued--rich country indeed--Left Mt. Vernon at midnight in stage.

Sunday Feby 28

All day in stage--roads pretty good but progress slow. At Worcester 5 o'clock P.M. at Medina 11, reached home 9 o'clock Monday A.M.

Monday March 1

Found family all well--glad to get back to the bosom of my dear family--My letter from Columbus was published in Saturday's paper--it is regarded as containing valuable information.

Tuesday March 2

At office all day--answered the letters received while absent--2 letters from Mr. Webster--business good.

Wednesday March 3

At office all day--at a small party with wife in evening at Mr. Woolsey's--all very pleasant.

Thursday March 4

At office all day--Gen'l Harrison this day takes the helm of State--fine day--the jolly tars are out with a fine big "Old Tpp" parading thro' the streets--The "Advertiser" Loco Foco paper publishes my letter & statistics.

Friday March 5

At office all day--Party at F. M. Kelly's--pleasant.

Saturday March 6.

At office--pleasant day--money matters more deranged--exchange on N.Y. on the rise..

Sunday March 7

At church--Communion day--no church P.M. In evening at church again--excellent singing--Stormy--snow--snow.

Monday March 8

Left this A. M. with Woolson for Cuyahoga Falls 32 miles in cutter--good sleighing--at the Falls the best this year--staid at Falls over night.

Tuesday March 9.

After breakfast finished my business and left for home--reached home-at dinner--fine sleighing and pleasant trip.

Wednesday March 10

At office all day--still sleighing which is unprecedented in this place.

Thursday March 11

Received & read with great interest & satisfaction the Inaugural of President Harrison--it is his own work--same sentiments & language that I have often heard from his lips - from 30 to 60,000 persons present--Webster Sec'y of State--Ewing of the Treasury--Granger P. Office--Badger of the Navy--Bill of War--Strong Cabinet.

Friday March 12

Snowy unpleasant day--at office--snowed & blowed hard P.M. & evening.

Saturday March 13

A very snowy blustering day--more snow on the ground than at any previous time this year--My son Campbell L. Turner is ten years old this day--a very fine, stout, healthy boy--I am very proud of him--New administration have very important & difficult foreign matters to settle--McLeod case--Maine Boundary--Armistead case--right of search for slaves on high seas &c--War may come, & if at once, we are unprepared.

Sunday March 14

Wet day, at Church with my son A.M. in P.M. at home.

Monday March 15

At office all day--wet day.

Tuesday March 16

At office--Parson Berry & wife at Tea.

Wednesday March 17

At office getting ready for Court next week.

Thursday March 18

At office--agreed to (to) go to Lucas County to remove injunction vs. Manhattan Bank travelling awful.

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Friday March 19

At office getting ready for Toledo--fine day.

Saturday March 20

Left at noon, in sulkey, for Toledo--Stone & Willson went on in stage this A.M.--rode to Alyria 24 miles in 3 hours & then overtook stage--left horse & sulkey here & took stage--roads muddy--1 mile per hour--good company--must ride all night.

Sunday March 21

Reached Monroville at Breakfast, and was all day getting to Sandusky 20 miles--3 passengers pleasant over head.

Monday March 22

Arrived at Perrysburg & Maumee City this A.M. road for 25 miles thro' Black Swamp is McAdamised & good--got stuck in mud--had three Kentuckians along after runaway slaves--This A.M. took a waggon with Stone & Cousin Campbell & went 4 miles up river after Judge Jerome, to go to Toledo to hold Court--two of the judges reside here and two at Toledo, & they are divided as to which place, Maumee or Toledo, the court shall be held.

I got the Judge in waggon & along as far as Post office in Maumee, when he was beset by Judge Wolcott and others, and prevailed on not to go to Toledo--so we had to go thro' the mud to Toledo without him--reached Toledo 3 P.M. took my tea and then started back after the Judge to Maumee 10 miles horse-back--I had rode all night the two previous nights & felt some fatigued--as I left Toledo it began to rain--it was dark, to blackness, and in going from Toledo six miles thro' the woods to the Turnpike, I lost the road, & and it was so dark I could not see my horse,--got off & led the horse in search of a road, thro' water & swamp for 2 hours, and at last came out on the Adrian Rail Road, followed that till saw light--then got a Lantern for 25 & started again 5 miles to Maumee in the rain & mud--reached Maumee at one o'clock A.M. wet & used up--dried my clothes & went to bed.

Tuesday March 23

Arose at 5 o'clock and found Judge Jerome at upper tavern--got him up, & he agreed to go to Toledo, procured a horse for him & got the horse at the door--but the lawyers & Judge Wolcott getting the wind of it, came on and prevented his going--so I returned again to Toledo & reached there 3 P.M. Stone & Willson left this afternoon with waggon again to try & get Judge Jerome at Maumee to come down--this evening had game of whist with Judges Potter & Mason.

Wednesday March 24

At Toledo--Killed a Duck in the river this A.M.--Stone & Willson returned this P.M. but without Judge Jerome so we have no court.

We then commenced a negotiation with the Spl. Commissioners of the Bank--in writing.

Had a pleasant evening--Ice all out of the river but no boat yet.

Thursday March 25

At Toledo--all day engaged with Commissioners.

Friday March 26

At Toledo--closed business with Commissioners this A.M. but did not leave expecting Boat--Put out in small boat with a hunting party--killed nothing but a muskrat--evening spent in Judge Mason's rooms.

Saturday March 27

Left Toledo this A.M. in lumber waggon stage for Home--6 passengers--walked 8 of the 10 miles to Maumee--dined at 5 P.M. at Perrysburg--reached Sanduskey 1 o'clock--having had all the horses down in the mud, & left coach in the road fast.

Sunday March 28

From 2 o'clock A.M. till 10 A.M. Willson, Stone, Baldwin & myself were extended on the bottom of a lumber waggon with wet buffalo skins over us, to keep rain off--8 hours going 15 miles in this style--from Bellevue we had 8 passengers & reached Birmingham at 9 o'clock P.M. here we staid till next morning, the Bridge being gone.

Monday March 29

Left Birmingham & crossed the river on timbers of bridge remaining--reached Elyria at noon 14 miles--here I took my horse & sulky & reached Cleveland at 6½ o'clock & found all well--I never in all my wanderings and sufferings encured so much fatigue in same length of time before--still we had good time--good company--good spirits &c.

Tuesday March 30

At our own Court--found my business had been passed till my return without prejudice.

Pleasant day & I feel glad to be once more with my family.

Wednesday March 31

At Court all day--cold day.

Thursday April 1

At Court all day--at Mr. Stetson's at tea with several members of the Bar--T. F. Pomeroy & wife at my house--windy cold day, and rain in A.M. No boat here yet.

Friday April 2

At Court all day--Boat from Detroit to-day, and I believe there was a boat from Detroit yesterday also.

Saturday April 3

At Court all day--cold wet day--Court adjourned till next Tuesday on account of Township elections.

Sunday April 4

At Church with wife & son in A.M. at home P.M. wet cold day.

Monday April 5

Election day--wet cold way--in office all day, saw voting.

Tuesday April 6

At Court--cold day.

Wednesday April 7

At Court all day--cold raw day--Gen'l Harrison dangerously sick.

Thursday April 8

Court met, and it being rumored that the President is dead, adjourned over till to-morrow. Took wife out riding, and bo't fruit trees &c--rained P.M.

Friday April 9th

President Harrison is dead--died Sunday morning 30 minutes before one o'clock--This is a great national calamity. He is the first chief executive that ever died while in office--He died like a Christian & patriot--minute guns fired all day--bells tolled--flags at half mast--Public meeting at Court House--this P.M. crowded--Hon' L J. W. Allen presided & made an address, which I have written out for the Herald as Secretary--The resolution & preamble I also drafted--It was a solemn meeting--the sorrow & gloom is deep and universal.

Saturday April 10

At Court all day--very cold & windy--Some have doubts about President Tyler's carrying out the policy of Gen'l Harrison, but I cannot entertain any.

Sunday April 11

At Church three times to-day--cold--cold.

Monday April 12

At Court all day--Court adjourned this P.M. sine die--had good success in all my suits.

Tuesday April 13

Left this A.M. 11 o'clock with wife for Elyria, Lorain County Circuit--24 miles--had a pleasant ride, stopped at Dover to dine, reach Elyria 3½ o'clock P.M. My wife found it pleasant with Mrs. Judge Willey--Had agreeable evening with Judge & Lady and several of Cleveland Bar.

Wednesday April 14

Commenced 4 suits and done up my business in the forenoon--after dinner left for home and had pleasant ride, got home at tea.

Thursday April 15.

At office in A.M. left after dinner with Doct. Weston for Chagrin Falls 24 miles on business.

Broke waggon, left it & got an old lumber box & went on--slept at Chagrin Falls--a cold windy day.

Friday April 16

Left Chagrin Falls after breakfast & got home to dinner-- Woolson left for the East this day--had a letter from my dear father & mother--all well--mother is quite 70 years old.

Saturday April 17

At office--most of day pleasant & springlike--Gen'l Wayne Steamer came in from Buffalo--left there yesterday morning--so navigation is now open--being some 15 days earlier than last year.

Sunday April 18

At Stone Church A.M. to hear Mr. Aikin on the death of President Harrison--a very eloquent & appropriate sermon --In evening went to hear Elder Tucker--he was a Loco Foco--The pulpit was hung in black also the organ--singing good but the discourse without consistency or appropriateness--a miserable failure--closed by Hymn to Harrison.

Monday April 19

Lovely morning--At office all day.

Tuesday April 20

Went to Orange this day with Doct. Weston rainy-snowy, unpleasant day--got home at 9 P.M.

April Wednesday 21

At office all day.

Thursday April 22

At office all day--cold weather.

Friday April 23.

At office all day, unpleasant day. Letter from Cooperstown--all well.

Saturday April 24

At office all day--more pleasant.

Sunday April 25

At Church A.M. lovely day--at home P.M.

Monday April 26

Left for Granger Co. Courts this A.M. with S. B. Prentiss--went thro' Orange, Bainbridge, Russell, Chester, Munson to Chardon--stopped Monday P.M. 5 o'clock at a farm house in Munson 25 miles from Cleveland, and inquired for Trout. Fishing--was told there was trout in the brook, being the East branch of the Chagrin river--put up horse & started for brook--fished till dark, and returned with 26 Trout--first Trout I ever saw in Ohio, and the only place it is said where Trout can be caught in Ohio--had good supper of bread & milk maple molasses & fresh bread.

Tuesday April 27

After breakfasting on the Trout, which was admirably well cooked, we started again for the creek, and fished till noon, and caught 17 good sized Trout--dined on a regular yankee boiled dish--beef, pork, potatoes, beets--turnips & greens--then a good indian pudding--had the 17 Trout put in salt to preserve to take

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home on return, and then drove to Chardon 6 miles--attended Court P.M. & spent evening with Mrs. Judge Willey, Miss Benedict & brother.

Wednesday April 18.

Finished business at Court this A.M. and left for home, Mrs. Willey & Kelly coming along to get the trout for Judge Willey who is very feeble--fished more in Orange but caught no Trout--got home at 7 o'clock P.M. lovely day.

Thursday April 19

At Home in office--rainy windy day.

Friday April 20

At office--cold, damp, unpleasant weather.

Saturday May 1

At office--bad weather.

Sunday May 2

At Church A.M.--cold snowy day--considerable snow fell today.

Monday May 3

At home--busy this week drawing declarations--bad cold weather.

Tuesday May 4

At Home--cold weather.

Wednesday May 5

At Home--still cold weather.

Thursday May 6

At Home--unpleasant weather.

Friday May 7

At home--bad day.

Saturday May 8

At home--this is the first pleasant day we have had this spring & to-day the air is cool--vegetation--fruit trees, & every thing is at least one month behind ordinary seasons--the season is unusually slow throughout the country, in N.Y. N. E. Baltimore & Washington the season is chronicled as cold & backward almost beyond precedent--Business at this point is brisk in the staples of the country--wheat, flour, pork &c have been shipped to very large amounts.

Sunday May 9

At Church A.M.--weather pleasant--but too cold to be without fires--rec'd letter to-day saying Mr. Campbell had been severely attacked--tendency--apoplexy--very anxious to hear from him again--altho' he was better.

Monday May 10

At office--weather warmer--but fires yet--rather damp to-day in A.M. no Eastern mail.

Tuesday May 11

Cool day--News from Europe by Brittannia 16 days passage--
Steam Ship President not yet heard from in England--been out
when Brittannia left 44 days--News from Europe Pacific--
Money in N. York plenty.

Wednesday May 12

Another unpleasant day--cold, rainy and windy--
at the East & South the season is very cold & backward--Election
news from Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky & Tennessee all good.

Thursday May 13

Another rainy, cold day--It is said that the Steam Ship
President put in to Bermuda & is of course safe--Large fire in
N. York about \$500,000 lost--to-morrow is to be observed through-
out the land as a day of fasting and prayer, by reason of the
national bereavement in the death of the beloved Harrison.

Attended pleasant party at Mr. Sterling's this evening.

Friday May 14

This is a pleasant springlike day for a novelty--and
it is a day strictly observed, agreeable to the recommendation
of President Tyler, as a day of humiliation & prayer by reason
of the death of the lamented Harrison--All the stores, shops,
ware-houses &c (save one grocery) were closed the entire day--
the streets are still as on the Sabbath--all the laboring
people ceased their labors, and altogether it was a day of great
solemnity--churches all open--& appropriate services.

Saturday May 15

Another lovely morning & day--Shall soon have spring I hope.

Sunday May 16

Warm day. A.M. went with Mr. Murfey to the Catholic
church--heard eulogy on Gen'l Harrison--very good--P.M. went
to Stone Church--own church did not go in this P.M.

Monday May 17

Left this A.M. at 10 to go South on collecting tour &
attend court in Holmes Co.--Horse & sulky--warm day, but very
windy--dined at Medina 27 miles--reached Wooster 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25 miles--
good Tavern here--pleasant day's ride--road tolerable--dry but
rutty--wheat fields in this Co. (Wayne) large and healthy.

Tuesday May 18th

Left Wooster this A.M. & drove to Millersburgh (Holmes Co.)
18 miles--lovely road--rolling--large springs--vallies, hills &c--
wheat good--reached Millersburgh at 11 A.M. Court in Session--
attended court, entered up my judgments, dined--good dinner &
then at 3 o'clock P.M. left for Millwood Knox Co. 26 miles--over
the Hills & Mountains & thro' the vallies--road very rough, indeed
no road part of way--but an interesting section--the ridges covered
with healthy wheat--vallies in meadow & corn--passed thro'
Danville & reached Milwood on Owl creek at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ --forded the Mohegan
once today.

Wednesday 19

Left Milwood Knox Co. after breakfast--lovely morning--

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drove back to Millersburgh thro' Rochester & Oxford--crossed the Mohegan, Kill Buck &c--better road than one passed going down--got at Holmes center at noon--after dinner rode to Wooster where staid over night--& done up my business there.

Thursday May 20

Beautiful day--left 7 o'clock & drove thro' Chippewa Johnston's corners--to Copley Summit Co. done my business & drove to Medina & staid over night.

Friday May 21

Warm morning--left Medina & drove home--got home at noon--having had pleasant journey and done all my business satisfactorily--expect Mr. & Mrs. Campbell soon--family all well.

Saturday May 22

Summer morning--at office "Ned Specs" or Edward Eastman called on me--gave him &c.--in office all day.

Sunday May 23

At Church A.M. but went out of church to shut down windows &c, as heavy shower came up.

Woolson & two children arrived this morning--Warm day--after tea walked about with Mr. Allen.

Monday May 24

Lovely day--warm--at office all day--Had letter from Mr. Theodore Campbell saying he would come & read Law & live with me--Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will probably be here in 2 or 3 weeks--Mr. C- has been sorely attacked.

Tuesday May 25

At office--warm day--Another Steam Ship from Europe, but no tidings of the "President." her fate is now dreadfully fixed in opinion of all.

Wednesday May 26

At office--warm day--rode out with wife & Jane--warm weather.

Thursday May 27

Warm day--at office all day--had a pleasant ride with wife in the evening.

Friday May 28

Lovely day--at office.

Saturday May 29

Woolson & family went into his house this day--pleasant day--had cucumbers for dinner--rice with wife after tea.

Sunday May 30

Pleasant day--rather cooler--at church A.M. with children--P.M. at Stone church.

Monday May 31

Pleasant A.M. Extra session of Congress commences this day--message in course of week.

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Tuesday June 1.

Warm day, at office--rode out with wife--getting ready for Court.

Wednesday June 2

Pleasant day--at office--made calls with wife after tea--bo't Shakespeare in 7 vols. Cooper's Naval History &c.

Thursday June 3

Lovely weather--at office all day--get message this week.

Friday June 4

Weather warm--at office all day--rode out with wife & Jane.

Saturday June 5

Dry & warm weather--message rec'd to-day--short & reasonably good--no ad-captandam phrases--a dignified state paper--non-committal as to financial policy or rather as to the specific plan, distribution of proceeds of P. Land recommended &c.

Sunday June 6

At church A.M. very warm--Mr. Beebe dined with me--at home P.M. letter from Mrs. Campbell--coming to see us.

Monday June 7

Warm--at office all day--getting business ready for Court--White Ky. Speaker--St. Clair Clara Clk. of H. of R.

Tuesday June 8

Warm--Mr. Webster's letter to Mr. Fox very good--noble--dignified--at office all day.

Wednesday June 9

At office--warm, but more comfortable than few days past--letter from Mr. Campbell--will probably be here this week--Theodore will be here in Illinois to-morrow--Whigs in & out of Congress rather mutinous.

Thursday June 10th

Pleasantly warm day--at office all day--Mr. & Mrs. Campbell (father & mother in law) came to-day--glad to see them.

Friday June 11

Pleasant day--Theodore Campbell arrived from Chicago to-day & commenced reading law with me.

Saturday June 12

Went to Lorain County (Ilyria) with Mr. Campbell to-day on business--rained a good deal, but had a covered carriage & a very pleasant ride--30 miles.

Sunday June 13

At Stone church A.M. with Mr. & Mrs. C--P.M. at Episcopal church--pleasant day.

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Monday June 14

At office all day preparing for Court--pleasant day--
pears & strawberries.

Tuesday June 15

At Court--first day, of Court--pleasant day.

Wednesday June 16

At Court --pleasant.

Thursday June 17

At Court--rainy.

Friday June 18

At Court--pleasant--busy very.

Saturday June 19

At Court--court adjourned at noon till Monday.

Sunday June 20

At church A.M. pleasant day.

Monday June 21

At Court--Congress news most unsatisfactory--abolition
discussion exciting & disgraceful.

Tuesday June 22

At Court--at P.M. going into court, the Presiding
Judge adjourned court sine die in the midst of the business--
Judge Whittlesey had gone home to attend his wife, lying in,
& Judge Willey took advantage of his temporary absence, saying
no quorum--I had just argued two causes of great importance & by
the adjournment the decision is postponed till November term.

The abolition discussion in Congress postponed till
next session--good.

Wednesday June 23

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left this A.M. for home--They have
had a pleasant visit, but I was so busy constantly that I saw but
little of them--rained a little to-day.

Thursday June 24

Pleasant day--at office all day--in the evening Fair
at American--gay and pleasant--took \$420--x benefit of
Episcopal church.

Friday 25

At office--evening at party at Mrs. P (?)--
pleasant but small.

Saturday June 26

Showery to-day--at office--evening another party
at Mr. Allen J. W. Hon'l--small but very pleasant.

Sunday June 27

At church A.M. at home P.M. pleasant day.

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Monday June 28

Lovely A.M.--want of union among Whigs in Congress--
They must unite or lose all confidence of the people, and all
power as a party--at 4 P.M. left with G. A. Benedict Esq. for
Chardon to attend Granger Co. Court--staid over night at Chester.

Tuesday June 29

Left Chester at 4 A.M. and drove four miles to breakfast--
went Troutling & fished till 11 A.M. but did not have a bite from
a Trout--too hot & water too low-- P.M. drove to Chardon done up
business at Court and drove till 10½ P.M. to Russell where
stoped [sic] over night.

Wednesday June 30

Drove home this A.M. warm day--sick a little, took
physic & got well.

Thursday July 1

Cool showery morning--well--party at Mrs. Cowles--pleasant--
fine fruit.

Friday July 2

Pleasant weather--at office all day--don't get along
at Washington very fast.

Saturday July 3d

Fine weather--fine fruit--good health &c.

Sunday July 4

This is the Glorious 4th the Sabbath day of American
Freedom--this day one year delivered oration at Ravenna--July 4/38
was on ship wellington crossing the ocean to Old England--July 4/39
was at Falls of Niagara--to-day at Church and Parson Perry gave us
a good sermon--P.M. at home.

Monday July 5

This day we celebrated as the 4th --large procession --
good music-- good troops--very good oration by Geo. Willey Esq.--
good Temperance Dinner--good toasts drank in cold water--no acci-
dents--no riots--no drunkenness--also dined with the Cleveland
Greys--as an honorary member--had a very joyous time--excellent
wine, singing, music--and just such glee as I like on such a day.

Tuesday July 6

Pleasant day--at office--Doct. Weston & wife came to-day--
appointed Register at Mineral Point Dist.

Wednesday July 7

Another good day--at office--party at Doct. Erayton's--
wife did not go--a pleasant party.

Thursday July 8

At office--pleasant day--no decisive action about En'k
&c at Washington yet--no "Help" yet & wife about discouraged.

Friday July 9

Hon'1 Judge Willey died this morning--a great loss to
this circuit--a good Judge--a legal mind--now lifeless clay--

I regret his death exceedingly--he was ever kind, courteous & judiciously agreeable to me--At 10 A.M. left for Chagrin Falls & Brain (?) with Doct. Weston--16 miles--wheel came off--rode out & back by 10 P.M.--little rain in evening.

Saturday July 10

Pleasant day--Judge Willey's funeral this A.M. 4 o'clock Burr, military & citizens generally--he was a most excellent Judge--had a legal discriminating mind & his place cannot be easily supplied.

Sunday July 11

At Church A.M. at home P.M. warm day.

Monday July 11

At office A.M.--P.M. Left with wife to attend Court at Painsville rode to Willoughby & staid over night--warm day.

Tuesday July 12

Rode to Painsville 11 miles at 8 1/2 o'clock--attended court till 3 P.M. did my business and then left for home 20 miles--reached home 10 1/2 o'clock very hot day--pleasant riding in the evening.

Wednesday July 14

At office--another hot day--Distribution bill passed the House--Newer proposition to establish branches of the U.S.B. in the States only that gave consent rejected, Locos all voting against it.

Thursday July 15

At office--last day of H.M. here--warm day.

Friday July 16

At office--warm day--N.Y. Sup. Court refuses to set at liberty McLeod--but he tried on the indictment according to Law-Justice Corwin's opinion elaborate and learned.

Saturday July 17

Bolt a handsome mare--7 1/2--worth \$100--advanced Eastman \$200 on Vinton note--warm day.

Sunday July 18

At Church A.M. at home P.M. very warm--Loan Bill to raise \$12,000,000 to pay off VanBuren's Debt passed House--Bank bill still lingers in Senate.

Monday July 19

At office--got ready to go to Lorain Court--wife & children ride out daily.

Tuesday July 20.

Left this A.M. 8 o'clock with son Campbell for Ellyria--hot--drove those 11 miles in 4 hours--had lovely ride with son--Judge Hitchcock in place of Judge Willey dec'd--presiding--good judge--done up my business first thing and after dinner drove home--pleasant trip & Campbell enjoyed it.

Wednesday July 21

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Thursday July 22

Warm day at office all day.

Friday July 23

Left this A.M. for "Little Mountain" Granger County-- Doct. & Mrs. Brayton, Mr. & Mrs. Woolson & self & wife--hot-- rode to Willoughby & dined at Card's excellent dinner-- rode to the Mormon Temple in Kirkland & went over it--from top had an extensive view--temple cost \$45,000--Strange fanaticism--reached the Mountain House at 5 O' P.M. found several acquaintances there--fine view--Lake Erie & country--caverns & pine & hemlock forest--warm night.

Saturday July 24

Arose early--breakfasted & then explored the caves & roamed about--at 12 M left for Willoughby to dine--caught in tremendous shower--got some wet--dined at Card's again-- great fare--left at 4 P.M. and reached home 8½ P.M. rode half the distance in a very heavy rain.

Sunday July 25

At Church A.M. at home P.M. cool day.

Monday July 26

At home--Arnold & Judge Morell came along in Illinois going East--pleasant day.

Tuesday July 27

At office--warm day--got ready to go to Michigan by land.

Wednesday July 28

Left at 10½ o'clock A.M. in Buggy & two horses with J. E. Hitchcock Esq. for Adrian & intermediate places on collecting tour--drove to Norwalk 54 miles--good roads but hot.

Thursday July 29

Drove from Norwalk to Reed Seneca Co. to Lorain Sandusky & thence to Half way house in Black Swamp making 61 miles this day--weather fine.

Friday July 30

Drove to Perrysburgh & left horses--missed Steamer & took Lumber Stage waggon for Toledo--horses ran away with us-- reached Toledo 5 P.M.

Saturday July 31

Took cars for Adrian this A.M. 33 miles--reached Adrian 11½ o'clock--returned to Toledo at 5 P.M. & took Boat to Perrysburgh & from Perrysburgh drove 10 miles into Black Swamp & stopped over night.

Sunday Aug. 1

Drove to Norwalk by 4 P.M. warm day--stopped over night--Supreme Court in session--Bankrupt Bill passed the Senate-- warm weather.

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Monday Aug. 2

Left Norwalk 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. & drove to Vermillion & thence home by 12 at night 71 miles--Thus having passed 9 counties & two states since left home--Bank Bill passed Senate.

Tuesday Aug. 3

At home in office all day--son little unwell.

Wednesday Aug. 4

~~At home in office~~ At office--pleasant day.

Thursday Aug. 5

At office all day.

Friday Aug. 6

At office A.M. P.M. took children to see the wild beasts--very warm.

Saturday Aug. 7

At office all day.

Sunday Aug. 8

At Church A.M.--Rev. Mr. Lester--no church P.M.

Monday Aug. 9

At Court--this is first day of Sup. Court session--
Judges Hitchcock & G. -- much old matters to
dispose of.

Tuesday Aug. 10

At Court--Bank Bill passed the House without amendment--
The question now is--Will the President sign it? I think he
will--if not he defeats one of the great objects of his election.

Wednesday Aug. 11

At Court all day--pleasant--this A.M. rec'd the news of
the awful burning of the Steamer Erie 20 miles this side of
Buffalo--Burnt Tuesday evening 8 P.M. 200 persons aboard & only
about 23 saved.

Thursday Aug. 12

At Court--James & son Campbell left this A. M. on Wayne
for Cooperstown.

Friday Aug. 13

At Court all day--pleasant--Messrs. Metcalf & Loomis
Pittsburgh took tea at my house.

Saturday Aug. 14

At Court all day--Evening called on the Judges with
Mr. Allen--rumor is that President is going to veto the Bank Bill.

Sunday Aug. 15

At Church A.M. pleasant day.

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Monday Aug. 16

At Court--no veto yet but expected--hot day.

Tuesday Aug. 17

At Court--yesterday & to-day spent in trying Bank of Cleveland vs. Clark & Blair--question of legality of sending protests thro' P.C. Jury could not agree.

Wednesday Aug. 18

At Court--hot day--veto not yet at hand but confidently predicted if it comes there will be a blow up, I fear of the Cabinet & Whig party in Congress.

Thursday Aug. 19

At Court--Warm day.

Friday Aug. 20

At Court--Jury dismissed--trials to the Court--veto ~~expected~~ expected.

Saturday Aug. 21

At Court, business all done up and the Court adjourned sine die--much feeling about veto that is received.

Sunday Aug. 22

At Church A.M. good sermon from a clergyman from Pittsburgh--afternoon at home.

Monday Aug. 23

Pleasant day--veto at hand--President is opposed to any bank of Deposit & discount with power to establish branches with or without assent of the States--The Whigs are disappointed in John Tyler--but hope all will be healed--news of the Bankrupt bill being laid on table--this is bad--also that some nominations are laid on the table (Everett's) on account of abolition--This question if thus tested will dissolve the Union in six months--The Southerners are crazy if they make such an issue.

Tuesday Aug. 24

Good news--Bankrupt Bill reconsidered & passed the House & Senate & now only waits the signature of the President--every thing looks brighter in Congress--The Land Bill will probably pass Senate & a new Bank Bill--Popular opinion, or rather mobocracy, exhibited itself in denouncing and abusing the President for the veto at Washington & other places--sorry.

Wednesday Aug. 25

Warm day--President has signed Bankrupt Bill--all looks well at Washington--Left after dinner for Chagrin Falls--Woolson & wife dined with us--Hitchcock went with me to Chagrin--also Judge Whillesey went along--staid at Burnett's Tavern over night.

Thursday Aug. 26

Hitchcock returned & Judge & self went on to the Falls--

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rained till noon--P.M. returned home--had a pleasant ride.

Friday Aug. 27

At office A.M. P.M. went to Euclid--pleasant day--
Am Candidates for Pros. Atty. have many friends, but should
~~not~~ think had not been long enough in County to get
nomination--shall let my friends try.

Saturday Aug. 28

Cold day--at office--Much confusion & uncertainty
at Washington--Land Bill will pass the Senate probably.

Sunday Aug. 29

At Church A.M.--at home P.M. pleasant day.

Monday Aug. 30

At office--not very well--wrote an article "Veto
Power" for paper--published--wrote a second article on
same subject for to-morrow's paper.

Tuesday Aug. 31

Left home this A.M. with Judge Whittlesey for Strasville,
Royalton & Brecksville &c--had pleasant ride to Brecksville--
this way a very pleasant ride--35 miles.

Wednesday Sept. 1

At Brecksville --rained this A.M. called on some good
Whigs, at 10 left for home--cleared up--home at dinner--
Judge dined with me--Land Bill passed Senate--but great confusion
& excitement prevails--the second Bank bill is now in Senate & may
be defeated there, if not Tyler will veto again I think & then
he will be excoriated by most Whigs.

Thursday Sept. 2

Left this morning for Dover--stoped at Rockford--
lodged at Ridgeville--hot day--burning hot.

Friday Sept. 3

Drove from Ridgeville across to Middleburg, thro'
Parma & home--rained some--warm day--home at 3 P.M. nothing
new--looks little better at Washington.

Saturday Sept. 4

At office-windy--P.M. pleasant--nothing new from
Washington.

Sunday Sept. 5

At Church A.M. & evening--warm day--nothing new--
political prospects dark--

Monday Sept. 6

Pleasant day--Special Criminal Court begins to-day.

Tuesday Sept. 7.

At Court--pleasant day.

Wednesday Sept. 8.

At Court.

Thursday Sept. 9

At Court.

Friday Sept. 10

At Court--some excitement about slave case--
I am for claimant as counsel--took habeas corpus.

Saturday Sept. 11

Hearing of Habeas Corpus -- Vandeburgh & Jackson discharged -
good deal excitement.

Sunday Sept. 12

At Church--Lay reading.

Monday Sept. 13

At Home--pleasant day.

Tuesday Sept. 14

Attended Senatorial convention at Gates Mills--
Gen'l Ford of Granger nominated.

Wednesday Sept. 15

Left with wife & Jane for Akron--reached Akron at 7 P.M.
pleasant drive. The Veto case yesterday--The President is
every where cussed.

Thursday Sept. 16

Left Akron A.M. and got home at 7 P.M. dusty riding.

Friday Sept. 17

At home--Cabinets resigned all save Mr. Webster--
"Capt. Tyler" is showed up in a lamentable light by Mr. Blaine.

Saturday Sept. 18

County Convention--Kelley for Representative, Baldwin
for Treasurer, Backus for Pros. Atty. it will be a hard ticket
to elect.

Sunday Sept. 19

At Church A.M. Preso. Backus P.M. & evening--pretty good.
James & Campbell arrived home yesterday.

Monday Sept. 20

Good news from Europe, no war--pleasant weather--
Shall go East in few days.

Tuesday Sept. 21

At office--weather Equinoxialish.

Wednesday Sept. 22

At home--weather good for season--no rain yet.

Thursday Sept. 23d

At office--weather good--Peel ministry in office--
Wellington takes no office--is leading in House of Lords--Gov. Gen'l

of Canada is dead--Failures & distress in England to great & alarming extent--crops middling.

Friday Sept. 24

At office--windy & cloudy-- fierce water spout passed down the lake this P.M. Business good--must not be gone long to N.Y.

Saturday Sept. 25

At office--got ready to leave for N. York the first boat--C.M. Geddings going along.

Sunday Sept. 26

Left for N.York in Steamer Gen'l Wayne--It blew a gale--hard night.

Monday Sept. 27

At Buffalo & breakfasted--run about all day, and left in stage with Smith & Gedings for N.Y. via Batavia, Rochester at 6 P.M.--rode all night, at Batavia had to wait 3 hours.

Tuesday Sept. 28

Reached Rochester & breakfasted---kept on in Cars, rail road finished to East side of Cayuga Lake--dined at Auburn, and supped at Utica--left Gedings in Syracuse at Cattle Show--took cars and rode all night to Albany.

Wednesday Sept. 29

Reached Albany 6 A.M. took steamer for N. York--cold unpleasant day--reached city at 7 P.M.--stopped at "Globe."

Thursday Sept. 30

In N.Y.--good day--run about, delivered letters, saw old friends &c.

Friday Oct. 1

In N.Y.--attended to business all day--Huntington & Campbell selling great many goods--

Saturday Oct. 2d

In N.Y. Left "Globe Hotel" and went to the Astor House--old quarters--looked like home & I felt at home--not been in city for 2 years--some changes in things & men--lively now.

Sunday Oct. 3d

A rainy, cold day, did not put my head out of doors--Benedict & wife & Mrs. Murphy here.

Monday Oct. 4

In N. York--all day about city on business--evening at Park Theatre to see Fanny Ellsler--house crowded--looked as well as when I saw her in London in 1833.

Tuesday Oct. 5

In N. York--all day business--evening just looked in at the Park with friend & saw Fanny's legs a moment--cold weather.

Wednesday Oct. 6

In N.Y.--all day running about--evening at my room.

Thursday Oct. 7

In N.Y.--went with a party of four to Coney Island & dined on roasted clams--good--had a delightful ride & time--gone all day--Saw Mr. Webster last Saturday & had long talk with him--going home to recruit--asked me to go along with him--health good but thinner than when last saw him.

Friday Oct. 8.

In N.Y. Active all day--dined at 6 P.M. with Sylvester--good dinner, spent evening with Ladies.

Saturday Oct. 9.

In N.Y. bad weather--feet sore--but business right--went to the Park.

Sunday Oct. 10

At room till 2 P.M. then met 7 other gents at Delmonico's--private dinner & the best dinner I have tasted since dined at Palais Royal--had good dish of Frogs--at Table till 7 P.M. everything French style--Maj. Ball's dinner--evening at W. W. Campbell Esq. with Mrs. R.P.C.

Monday Oct. 11.

In N.Y.--making negotiations for Gedings & fear shall be deterred--made some purchases for wife & children--beginning to be anxious to get home--at Niblo's in evening.

Tuesday Oct. 12

In N.Y.--all day in Wall Street--spent evening at Mr. Pearson's.

Wednesday Oct. 13

In N.Y.--all day in Wall Street and Pearl--at room in evening--bad day.

Thursday Oct. 14

In N.Y.--busy as yesterday--good many Cleveland people here.

Friday Oct. 15

In N.Y.--as usual--30 years old to-day.

Saturday Oct. 16

In N. York--In Wall Street for Gedings--good luck.

Sunday Oct. 17

At Church to hear H. W. Bellows--Unitarian--an old friend--eloquent but queer essay. Col. Huntington dined with me.

Monday Oct. 18

In N.Y.--impatient--busy--feet sore--dined with Sylvester.

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Tuesday Nov. 2
At office all day & night.

Wednesday Nov. 3.
At office--cold weather.

Thursday Nov. 4
At office.

Friday Nov. 5
At office all day getting ready for court.

Saturday Nov. 6
At office--all day.

Sunday Nov. 7
At Church A.M.

Monday Nov. 8
At office.

Tuesday Nov. 9
At Court--Judge Hitchcock presiding--a good judge.

Wednesday Nov. 10
At Court.

Thursday Nov. 11
At Court.

Friday Nov. 12
At Court.

Saturday Nov. 13
At Court.

Sunday Nov. 14
At Church A. M.

Monday Nov. 15
At Court.

Tuesday Nov. 16
At Court.

Wednesday Nov. 17
At Court.

Thursday Nov. 18
At Court.

Friday Nov. 19
At Court.

Saturday 20
At Court.

Sunday 21

At Church--good sermon from Parson Ferry.

Monday Nov. 22

At Court.

Tuesday Nov. 23

At Court.

Wednesday Nov. 24

At Court.

Thursday Nov. 25

At Court A.M.--Court adjourned sine die--an industrious Term--Arbitration of Clark vs Clark got award \$4000--good success in my suits--Court sit from 9 A.M. till 6 P.M. with only 1/2 hour for dinner--Judge gave great satisfaction--This is a rainy day--papers give account of burning of "Tower of London"--3 years ago I saw all it contained.

Friday Nov. 26

At office all day.

Saturday Nov. 27

At office.

Sunday Nov. 28

At Church A.M.

Monday Nov. 29

At office--Boats run yet.

Tuesday Nov. 30

At office--Snow--sleighs run some.

Wednesday Dec. 1

At office--Party at Mr. Rockwell's--pleasant.

Thursday Dec. 2

At office--Thanksgiving--Church A.M. Beebee & wife at dinner--had good dinner--Spent evening with us.

Friday Dec. 3

At office--cold rainy day--Julia Campbell died this day in N. York.

Saturday Dec. 4

At office--cold windy day--hard times for many, exchange 12½ on N.Y. money in N.Y. tight.

Sunday Dec. 5

At Church--bad weather.

Monday Dec. 6

At office--bad weather--drawing declarations.

Tuesday Dec. 7

At office.

Wednesday Dec. 8

At office.

Thursday Dec. 9

At office--evening at Lyceum & at Party at Mr. Gedding's--pleasant--select.

Friday Dec. 10

At office--evening at Mr. Allen's--with few friends.

Saturday Dec. 11

At office--invited to Oyster Supper at Mr. Weatherley's--did not go--wife little unwell.

Sunday Dec. 12

At Church--Brother Robert's little Julia died in N.York Dec. 4th aged 6 years--innocent little girl--she is gone to rest.

Monday Dec. 13

At office--Gov's message--good--Gov. Corwin is an able man--State finances are in pretty good condition--our public works valuable--Banks in wretched state--Charters expire in 1843, save some dozen banks.

Tuesday Dec. 14

At office--President's Message--better than expected--right on Tariff--State debts--& Foreign policy, and the Financial plan (kind of Exchequer Bank) is a more feasible project than looked for from Pres'd Tyler--

Wednesday Dec. 15

At office--Warm as summer & has been with abundance of rain for several days.

Thursday Dec. 16.

At office--stormy & blustering--large Party at Mr. Gedding's this eve--over 100 guests--very gay and agreeable.

Friday Dec. 17

Stormy--P.M. clear--at office.

Saturday Dec. 18

At office--making out an opinion in case of Ohio Life & Trust Co. vs. Merwins, a \$50,000 mortgage--important matter.

Sunday Dec. 19

At Church A.M.--good discourse from Parson Berry--at home P.M. with wife, who don't go to church these days.

Monday Dec. 20

At office all day--Snowed little--Attended Lyceum in evening--made a speech in favor Great Britain on the Chinese War question & heard the Inaugural of President Allen which was good.

Tuesday Dec. 21

At office, furnished my written opinion in the \$50,000 matter, and delivered it to the party--The result of my examination was that the \$50,000 mortgage executed by the Merwins to the Ohio L. & T. Co. is void & cannot be collected--C. J. Woolson had a seventh daughter born to him last night.

Wednesday 22

At office--no N. York mail for 2 days.

Thursday Dec. 23

Rainy day--Anniversary Ball of the "Greys"--They came out in full dress in the rain--at Lyceum till 10 P.M. Lecture by C. Stetson Esq.--good but badly delivered--again discussed the Chinese War--the Pres'd decided in favor of the war, and the audience also--went into the Ball till 1 o'clock A.M. a very good time, 80 couple.

Friday Dec. 24

At office all day--pleasant weather--no snow yet--no sleighing save on bare ground.

Saturday Dec. 25

Christmas Day--At Church A.M. good sermon and good music--good dinner with my own family.

Sunday Dec. 26

At Church A.M.--pleasant weather--no N.Y. mail for 5 days--a dreadful storm East--and plenty of snow--sickly in Cooperstown--hard times East and many failures--Exchange on N.Y. 12½.

Monday Dec. 27

At office all day--fine weather but no snow.

Tuesday Dec. 28

At office--rode out with wife--excellent wheeling--have not been from office ~~or~~ business during day before for months--been little unwell for want of exercise--give a Lecture next Thursday--Subject--The Law of order in reference to the progressive improvement of man.

Wednesday Dec. 29

At office--no snow--good wheeling--hard times every where--The plan of an Exchequer Bank reported, accompanied by a letter from Sec. of Treasury, written by Daniel Webster--a masterly production.

Thursday Dec. 30

At office all day engaged with clients--In evening delivered my Lecture before a good audience.

Friday Dec. 31

At office--no snow--yet.

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Saturday Jan. 1, 1842-

This is the opening of a new year-- may it be spent by myself profitably, & may God bless me & mine with health & prosperity--Started at 11 A. M. with Woolson & Brayton in a carriage and made 30 calls--took all day--hard but pleasant day's work.

The past year has been a pleasant one to me--I have spent it with my family, attended strictly to my professional business and been favored with health and success--I have read a great deal and improved in habits of thinking speaking & reading--If I had no old liabilities of disastrous 37-38 hanging over me, I should be happy--To be able to exercise all ones powers & faculties usefully one must not be hampered with liabilities--mine are collateral liabilities still they will hereafter come upon me, if they remain, and all my hard gainings for my family be liable to swept away--this has a tendency to oppress--discourage & trouble me. I must get relieved--otherwise my after exertions are useless--health I have had continually during last year & so has my family--for this I am thankful.

Sunday Jan. 2, 1842

At Church A.M.--good sermon from our good parson Ferry--
at home P.M.

Monday Jan. 3d

At office all day--cold & appearance of snow--State stocks (Indiana Illinois) selling at 18 cents for \$100--repudiations with its usual consequences are coming upon us.

Tuesday Jan. 4

At office--wrote Father mother & sisters & sent presents.

Wednesday Jan. 5

At office.

Thursday Jan. 6

At office--reading Leeber's political Ethics--most excellent-- D'Israeli's Miscellanies & Amenities of Literature

Friday Jan. 7

At office--rec'd Remonstrance to repeal of Bankrupt Law--got 300 names.

Saturday Jan. 8

At office.

Sunday Jan. 9

At Church A.M. No snow yet this year.

Monday Jan. 10

At office--all disorganization in Congress about Fiscal plan & Tariff--The Whig Party in striving to be all Captains will soon all become privates--Ohio Legislature talking about Banks & nothing--we are in an very bad condition as states & individuals--
The end is not yet--harder times ahead.

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Tuesday Jan. 11

At office--no snow--warm weather--wrote an article
Editorially against repeal of the Bankrupt Law yesterday.

Wednesday Jan. 12 Surveyor

At office, Gen'l James Wilson, Lawyer Gen'l of Iowa &
Wisconsin came alone on his way East--a noble piece of Granite--
Things look dark ahead--all portions of the country in distress--
pecuniary distress--Plenty of national Wealth, abundance to
eat & to spare, yet trouble & embarrassment increases--failures
continue--confidence lessens--bad faith becoming prevalent--L. S.
Chatfield elected Speaker of N. York Assembly--how are the mighty
fallen and the low & vulgar elevated!

Thursday Jan. 13

At office--summer like weather--hard times & prospect dark.

Friday Jan. 14

At office--all day--pleasant weather.

Saturday Jan. 15

At office--still pleasant spring like weather--
Bankrupt Bill will be repealed ⁱⁿ the House of Rep. and
possibly in Senate.

Sunday Jan. 16

At Church A.M.

Monday Jan. 17

Mrs. Lowell (Mary Ann Woolson) died this A.M. at
3 o'clock--she gently dropped to sleep-- she was one of my
early favorites.

Tuesday Jan. 18

Attended funeral of Mrs. Lowell.

Wednesday Jan. 19

At office--delightful weather yet.

Thursday Jan. 20

At office all day--rainy, & very unpleasant--Evening
at Lyceum, Lecture from Mr. Smith graduate of Yale Col.
Lecture remarkably good --subject Astronomy--Went to
Batchelors Party at American at 9 P.M.--large & brilliant--
200 present, the most splendid party ever seen in this city.

Friday Jan. 21

At office--Cold & rough weather--no snow yet.

Saturday Jan. 22

At office--cold--times dark & portentous.

Sunday Jan. 23

At Church A.M.--cold.

Monday Jan. 24

At office--letter from Hon. S. J. Andrews--repeal of Bank-

rupt Bill passed House by of 126 to 94--it is hoped that the Senate will amend this singular & barbarous Bill--if not may the Veto do it.

Tuesday Jan. 25

At office.

Wednesday Jan. 26

At office--Started in P.M. for Elyria but only went out 7 miles.

Thursday Jan. 27

At office--Little snow, but warm.

Friday Jan. 28

At office--Warm day.

Saturday Jan. 29

At office, rode out with wife--Spring like weather--dark times.

Sunday Jan. 30

At Home all day--sick--little--children at church.

Monday Jan 31

At office--very pleasant day--no snow yet, in evening attended Lecture of Smith, on Astronomy "The Stars"--most excellent--news from Europe by Steamer Britannia good--stocks improved--Dickens & Lady came over--Mr. Alex Baring is appointed Spl. Minister (Lord Ashburton) to this country--great deal of disorganizing conduct & debate in Congress--our government is tending to a dissolution, I fear--radicalism & reckless debate & conduct increasing.

Tuesday Feby 1, 1842

At office--most lovely day--on this day the Bankrupt Bill goes into effect, unless the Senate has concurred with the House & the President approved, which is not probable--this benign measure will make 10's of thousands rejoice & be glad & will again restore them to usefulness to themselves, their families & their country. still

The times are gloomy, our Law Makers are wrangling & public confidence nearly gone.

Wednesday Feby 2d

At office all day--Banks failing--State Legislatures & Congress in disorder and money matters every where dreadfully deranged.

Thursday Feby 3

At office--Lecture in evening at Lyceum--Dance at American, but did not attend.

Friday Feby 4

At office, Spring weather, no ice, Lake open to Buffalo, business prospects of the country bad.

Saturday Feby 5

At office--warm weather.

Sunday Feby 6

At Church A.M.--Presbyterian P.M. Sermon against dancing at private parties--my opinion is that such amusements are not the proper subject of pulpit censure--In the evening at Church again & heard an eloquent sermon from Rev. Mr. Telford.

Monday Feby 7

At office--cold & snowy--Lecture in evening, and I proposed the subject of discussion for next evening, "Is dancing at private parties immoral or irreligious in its tendency".

Tuesday Feby 8

Rather cold--at office, our State will have to resume March 4 or burst, and most of them will bust--published my first letter of "Squints at Europe" in to-day's paper.

Wednesday Feby 9

At office--warm again.

Thursday Feby 10

At office--great deal of excitement in street about banks--our city Banks will probably both wind up--one will certainly--at Lyceum in evening--very full--debated the question of Dancing--had clergymen there who took part--the Society & the audience almost unanimously decided in favor of dancing.

Friday Feby 11

At office--warm--Cleveland Bank is giving signs of a collapse--report of second bank suspension--merchants will not sell goods save for specie--strange times--shall soon see the end I guess.

Saturday Feby 12

At office--both of Cleveland Banks must go into Receiver's hands.

Sunday Feby 13

At Church A.M.--cold day.

Monday Feby 14

At office--disastrous times--cold weather.

Tuesday Feby 15

At office--cold.

Wednesday Feby 16

At office--still cold & times more and more out of joint.

Thursday Feby 17

At office--cold--published "Squints at Europe No. 3."

Friday Feby 18

At office--coldest week this winter and the darkest prospects

Saturday Feby 19

At office--Bank Commissioners here--& all Banks in State must resume, by law, on 4th March.

Sunday Feby 20

At Church A.M.--home P.M.

Monday Feby 21

At office--pleasant again.

Tuesday Feby 22

Washington's Birth day--a day of Festivity but Temperance rules--dined with the "Greys" at Franklin, & made a speech--party at Dr. Brayton's in evening--pleasant.

Wednesday Feby 23

Commercial Bank in hands of Receiver, and Cleveland Bank will be in a day or two--we shall see harder times, if possible, yet.

Thursday Feby 24

At office--wet damp weather.

Friday Feby 25

At office--letter from Cooperstown--sickly--The Temperance Reformation flourishes--many old drunkards, reformed--nope they will stay reformed after the excitement passes.

Saturday Feby 26

At office--Strange times & business deranged--wet damp weather.

Sunday Feby 27

At Church A.M. --no preaching at Church P.M. so attended Stone Meetinghouse.

Monday Feby 28

At office--Last day of Winter & such a winter I never experienced--not been in a sleigh--no snow--little cold weather--mild winter every where--Cleveland Bank in hands of Receiver--Committees in Senate & House have reported on Exchequer plan--Mr. Talmage's very good--Cushing's too much theorizing.

Tuesday March 1.

At office--first day of Spring--warm spring like weather--Trouble in N. York State government, the public improvements are in danger of being suspended & this too in a state that has \$600,000 nett income.

Wednesday March 2

At office--bo't some things at Rockville's sale of furniture--evening attended supper party at Leatherl.'s--good--I must take benefit of the Bankrupt Law--but almost loathe it--but what else can I do--it is the only hope for me & others like situated.

Thursday March 3

At office--a most lovely day--pigeons are as plenty as

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blackberries--windows up--but people in street--Ohio Rail Road office of exchange stopped to-day--tens of thousands of their checks in circulation in this vicinity--and mostly in the hands of the poor.

Friday March 4

This day all banks in this state must resume or "bust" --spring weather.

Saturday March 5

Lovely day--at office--Supper at North Ry's retained in a large chimney suit to-day--worth 12 or 1000.

Sunday March 6

At Church A.M. - home P.M. very damp day--time for colds about these days.

Monday March 7

Election of city officers--split tickets and bolting Whigs--Loco Focos triumphed gloriously. Whigs only elected two out of 12 officers--house divided against itself can't stand--Allen defeated for mayor by 127 votes.

Tuesday March 8

Criminal Court to-day--Judge Bissell presiding--Locos had a grand row last night--lovely day.

Wednesday March 9

at office all day.

Thursday March 10

at office--pleasant day--renewal today--steamer can't Scott passed from Detroit to Buffalo.

Friday March 11

at office--Great Western came in last night going to Buffalo--J. Rockwell & family go off in her for Utica--cold day--boat did not leave to-day.

Saturday March 12

at office--fine day--boat left, nothing doing in Congress--save dismissing clerks at an expense of \$10,000 per day--No. 6 of "Squints at Europe" in to-night's Herald.

Sunday March 13

At Church A.M.--pleasant day.

Monday March 14

At office--summer weather--steam boats run--no money in circulation--hard times ahead Congress doing little.

Tuesday March 15

at office--lovely weather--rode out horseback Steamer Caledonia from England, past due several days--Law business, as regards several matters that are important, is good.

Wednesday March 16

at office--Asparagus for dinner.

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Thursday March 17

At office--warm day--at Woolson's in the evening--
Business of country prostrate--Ohio 6 per cent stocks sold
in N.Y. for 50 cts!

Friday March 18

At office--Caledonia safe--returned to Cork Ireland,
after being 7 days at sea--Prince of Wales has been baptised
at Windsor--distress unabated in England--Parliament in session.

Saturday March 19

At office--warm day--birds plenty.

Sunday March 20

At Church A.M. home P.M. warm day spring weather --
trouble in national affairs as well as individual.

Monday March 21

At office--all day.

Tuesday March 22

At office all day.

Wednesday March 23

At office all day.

Thursday March 24

At office all day--as usual.

Friday March 25

At office all day.

Saturday March 26

This morning at 7 o'clock had a fine daughter
born unto me--all well.

Sunday March 27

At Church A.M.--at home P.M.

Monday March 28

At office--Treasury notes protested--everything bloomy
but the weather--war in Texas--Mexicans invading Texas--
14,000 troops.

Tuesday March 29

Went to Strongsville & back to-day, horse ran away
several times.

Wednesday March 30

Went to Elyria to-day--took S. B. Prentiss along.

Thursday March 31

Returned from Elyria--cold but clear--expect to go to
N.Y. next week for Merwin & Gedings--hard times.

April Friday April 1st

Lovely day--published an article in Herald this week
signed "Lenox" against Ladies' Fairs--a Lady has answered it--

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This -
copy to

failures in Boston business dull in N.Y. & every where else--
War in Texas & warlike symptoms between this country & England--
War must come.

April Saturday 2
At office all day--pleasant.

Sunday April 3
At Church A.M. Home P.M. rainy day but warm.

Monday April 4
At office--getting ready for N. York--warlike times &
hard times.

Tuesday April 5
At home--ready for N. York on business for Darwin &
Geatings.

Wednesday April 6
Left for N.Y. Doct. Hutchinson along--stormy night
& laid over at Cornhusk--on Gen'l Scott.

Thursday April 7
On Lake all day.

Friday April 8
Reached Buffalo 4 A.M. & remained there till 3 P.M.
& then took stage for Batavia--18 hours going 40 miles--cars left.

Saturday April 9
At 4 P.M. left Batavia in cars & was in Utica
Sunday A.M.

Sunday April 10
Pleasant day--reached Albany at 3 and between
Schenectady & Albany the engine ran off track smashed 2 cars
to pieces, ? ? ? & a 2 hours detention at the Albany
Point and left for N. York.

Monday April 11
Left Albany on Steamer Troy for N.Y. and arrived
in N.Y. 6 P.M. Stopped at my old lodging at Astor House.

Tuesday April 12
Commenced the business which I came to transact.

Wednesday April 13
Same.

Thursday April 14
Same--cold.

Friday April 15
Same--cold--saw old acquaintances.

Saturday April 16
Same.

Sunday April 17

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Monday, April 18
Progressing with business.

Tuesday April 19.
Same--cold.

Wednesday April 20
Same.

Thursday April 21.
Closed business with Atwater - papers executed
proceeds of mortgage sold \$12,650.

Friday April 22
Left N.Y. in evening boat for Albany--having had a
very busy & laborious time in N.Y., but successful.

Saturday April 23
At Albany A.M. took stage to Schenectady--all day &
night on Rail Road.

Sunday April 24
At Rochester this A.M. and at Buffalo 4 P.M. no boat
up Lake--held over.

Monday April 25
Took Steamer Constitution fine weather, and reached
Cleveland next day.

Tuesday April 26
At Home this day at 11 o'clock A.M.--first day of
Court--had a laborious but successful trip to N. York--
pays well.

Wednesday April 27
At Court.

Thursday April 28
At Court.

Friday April 29
At Court.

Saturday April 30
At Court.

Sunday May 1.
At Church A.M. busy all last week in court during
day & with Merwin & Gidings during night.

Monday May 2
At Court.

Tuesday May 3
At Court.

Wednesday May 4
At Court.

Thursday May 5
At Court.

Friday May 6
At Court.

Saturday May 7
At Court.

Sunday May 8
At Church--Bishop McIlvane officiating A.M. & evening.

Monday May 9
At Court.

Tuesday May 10
At Court.

Wednesday May 11
At Court.

Thursday May 12
At Court, went to Elyria, Oberlin &c.

Friday May 13
At Court.

Saturday May 14
At Court.

Sunday May 15
At Church.

Monday May 16
At Court.

Tuesday May 17
Went to Chagrin Falls &c with Beebee--staid over
night at Chester & caught 30 Trout--came home with them.

Wednesday May 18
At Chester Troutng--& home same night.

Thursday May 19
At home.

Friday May 20
At home & office.

Saturday May 21
At home & office--Troubles in Rhode Island & civil war
threatened--govt. troops sent &c.

Sunday May 22
At Church.

Monday May 23
At office--Atwater here from N.Y. and have been
constantly engaged with Merwin Estate matters up to Judge Wood's

Tuesday May 24
At office.

Wednesday 25
At office.

Thursday May 26
At office- Merwin matters.

Friday May 27
At office.

Saturday May 28
At office.

Sunday May 29
At Church & at Judge Wood's.

Monday May 30
At office.

Tuesday May 31
At office.

Wednesday June 1
At office.

Thursday June 2
At office.

Friday June 3
At office.

Saturday June 4
At office.

Sunday June 5
Rode out with wife & at office about Merwin matters--
Sunday is encroached upon for Merwin.

Monday June 6
At office, Judge Wood here.

Tuesday June 7
At office.

Wednesday June 8
Went to Rockport to attend suit in rain.

Thursday June 9
Pleasant day--Plenty of strawberries at tea--had some
10 days ago.

Friday June 10
Cold wet day. This has been a very cold and
backward season--thousands of pigeons flying daily--business
excellent--John Tyler, Pres'd, U. S. A. trying to make a
party for reelection, but it seems to be "no go."

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Saturday June 11

Pleasant day again--still have fires--has been but a few days yet that could dispense with fires--Our country in a most depressed condition--credit, confidence & enterprise low--business of the people drags--money very scarce--no circulating medium--Green Pease plenty in the market.

Sunday June 12

At Church A.M. pleasant A.M. rainy P.M. pigeons flying in abundance.

Monday June 13

Pleasant A.M. (warm) altho' had to light a fire.

Tuesday June 14

Pleasant day--went out pigeon shooting--killed 24--in the A.M.--went to Rockport to attend suit--back by 6 P.M. Congress not yet settled the apportionment--some for Districts, others for Gen'l Ticket--Locos the latter--Tariff just taken up in House.

Wednesday June 15

Lovely A.M.

Thursday June 16

Pleasant--at office.

Friday June 17

Getting ready to go to Columbus to attend U.S. D. Court.

Saturday June 18

Mr. Phinney of Cooperstown here--Ice cream in evening--warm & pleasant.

Sunday June 19

At Church A.M.--P.M. went to Stone Church with Mr. Phinney heard Doctor Cox--good--excellent.

Monday June 20

Pleasant day--left on Packet with son for Columbus. 7 P.M.

Tuesday June 21

On Ohio Canal all day--hot & unpleasant save good company.

Wednesday June 22

Reached Newark 7 P.M. & took extra with Shff for Columbus by land 35 miles--rode all night--rained--at Columbus 4 A.M.

Thursday June 23

At Columbus--Attended court all day.

Friday June 24

At Court & done up business, visited State Prison with son, & Lunatic Asylum.

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Saturday June 25

Visited Deaf & Dumb & Blind with my son--he was exceedingly interested--left this P.M. at 4 o'clock for Hebron on Canal in private carriage--tremendous storm in night & had to stay over at small tavern.

Sunday June 26

Started at 4 o'clock A.M. & drove to Hebron just in time for Packet--a large load of passengers--my old acquaintance Ed. Olcott of N.H. (now of Red River) wife & son along--on Canal all day.

Monday June 27

On canal all day--this was very warm day--Massillon is business place, also Newark, land all along canal rich, the wheat crop heavy--This is a very rich state, will in 5 years become 2d in Union--Shfr Miller got caught under bridge & injured.

Tuesday June 28

Reached home 11 o'clock A.M. all well--Olcott & wife ate raspberries & cream at my house in evening.

Wednesday June 29

At office all day--warm weather.

Thursday June 30

Went to Lorain Comm pleas P.M. A.M. attended funeral of son of W. T. Beebe Esq.

Friday July 1

Attended Court at Allyria all day, rainy day--Hitchcock along--came home in evening.

Saturday July 2

Wet day--at office--Caravan, Giraffe, circus &c arrived--great times for children--Rhose Island war again ended--Gov. Dorr again ra'n away, but will hardly return to fight another day--He should be caught & shot--he has jeopardized the lives of too many in his foolish course--N. York Loco Focos, of the Tammany breed, should also be suspended until they are----choaked.

Sunday July 3

Pleasant day--The Tyler Administration is fast getting too low for an honorable dislike--it is despicable--that is as far as the Executive is concerned--Webster is about closing the negotiations with England, thro' Lord Ashburton. When completed I do hope he will leave the Cabinet for his own sake, but to the great loss of his country--If the spirit of revolution, disorganization, state rebellion--radical destructiveness & reckless demagoguism are to increase & multiply, our Union will soon be known only in name.

Monday July 4, 1842

Pleasant Day--Fire Companies & Guards paraded thro' streets followed by Catholic total Abstinence Society--~~headed~~ by a Submarine

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Diver in his copper case &c--Steamer Cleveland took a pleasure trip to Grand River--with 1200 different pieces of humanity--Catholic Priest gave a peculiar oration in a lovely grove--the Circus done a large business, & I have passed as insipid a 4th of July as can be imagined--none of the Spirit of '76 manifest, and I was happy to see little or no spirit that intoxicates.

Tuesday July 5.

The 3d Veto of Pres'd Tyler comes in town, veto of the "little tariff bill"--If John Tyler gets thro' his accidental Term, without being deposed then we are a very submissive people--It is the nature of man to seek immortal notoriety & Honor,--Those who cannot obtain the last, are equally anxious to entitle themselves to the former, tho' it be eternal infamy.

I went to Circus this evening--poor fun--cold enough for fire to-day.

Wednesday July 6

Pleasant this A.M. at office all day.

Thursday July 7

At office A.M.--left for Chagrin Falls 11 A.M. & returned 7½ P.M. 40 miles.

Friday July 8

At office all day--Pleasant but cold enough for fire A.M. & evening.

Saturday July 9

At office--Ex-President Van Buren to be here Tuesday next.

Sunday July 10

At Stone Church all day--Professor Smith dined with me.

Monday July 11

At office all day--Pleasant--debates in Congress on 3 veto stormy--we are verging towards confusion fast.

Tuesday July 12, 1842

Ex President VanBuren paid us a visit--landed at 11 A.M. large number of persons to see him--no enthusiasm--lovely day and the military escorted him thro' streets, then to American House--very few followed in procession, only 76 persons on foot--on balcony of American Sam'l Starkweather Esq. saluted him in behalf of the city, to which Mr. VanEuren replied, but not one word was heard by persons in street--no Vivas, & the mass was greatly disappointed, & all who had never before seen him--evening Ladies called--it was a very orderly & respectable reception & considering the political nature of his visit & the partizan character of his reign, he may regard the reception as creditable to us whigs, & not because we had the least political respect for him.

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Wednesday July 13
At Court all day.

Thursday July 14
At Court all day--warm.

Friday July 15
At Court.

Saturday July 16
At Court--engaged all day in one trial.

Sunday July 17
At Church A.M. warm day--no good news from Washington.
Capt. Tyler is despised by all parties & if he lives out his
accidental term without impeachment, he will do well.

Monday July 18
At Court all day--Mr. Clay is becoming the Man of the
People, & if he and Van Buren are the only candidates, Clay
will go over the course & win.

Tuesday July 19
At Court--very hot--Tyler is really just the greatest
political traitor I ever knew or read of--he is a small man--
were he a Hero--a Gen'l Jackson, it could be endured with more
complacency--but he is too insignificant--God save the Republic.

Wednesday July 20
At Court--warm--green corn.

Thursday July 21, 1842
At Court, still hot.

Friday July 22
At Court--rode out in evening--C. L. Putnam of
Keene, N.H. here--dined at "American" with "Court."

Saturday July 23
At Court--warm.

Sunday July 24
At Church all day--warm.

Monday July 25, 1842
At Court till 4 P.M. having closed all my
business & successfully--Court adjourned this day sine die--At 6
P.M. to S. B. Prentiss' and rode to Hudson 25 miles--
pleasant ride.

Tuesday July 26
Left Hudson & drove to Cuy'a Falls--thence to Akron
then to Middleburg & took deposition, then to Cuy'a Falls
& dined and then for home at 9 & a heavy storm compelled us to hold
over at Bedford all night.

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Com'r & drove to Strongsville and to Depositions in Chancery--
then back home by 7 P.M.

Thursday July 26

At home to-day--made entries in court docket &c--
very warm--It is said a Treaty has been concluded with England--
good.

Friday July 29

At home, warm day--national affairs in a very
bad way--John Tyler a very small man & a political traitor
besides.

Saturday July 30, 1842

At office--had a 2nd cousin --Morgan--call on me--
not seen him in 17 years before--clever fellow--Judge Averill
called also.

Sunday July 31.

At Church A.M.--coolish & pleasant.

Monday Aug. 1

At office--a cold day--fire in office--a very hard
rain last night--good many deaths in town--but no epidemic.

Tuesday Aug. 2

At office--cold--fire again--in office--Hon. Levi
Beardsley called--witnessed a strange experiment--pneumo-
magnetism--Dr. Parnell--it may true & real & if so wonderful,
& it may be all a deception.

Wednesday Aug. 3

C601--At office all day--Tariff & distribution clauses will
pass Congress & be vetoed by John Tyler.

Thursday Aug. 4

At office--cold.

Friday Oct. [sic] 5

At office, getting ready for Sup. Court--had 3 large
Bankrupt cases this week.

Saturday Aug. 6, 1842

At office--busy very--our State Legislature in session--
passed Law for appraisal of personal property, take
effect Aug. 20--must sell for 2/3 value--Country in bad
condition truly, & yet the harvests are most abundant.

Sunday Aug. 7

At Church A.M. home P.M.--letters from Cooperstown--
George is sick, and I fear will not recover.

Monday Aug. 8

first day of Sup. Court--pleasant day Judges Wood &
Burchard presiding.

Tuesday Aug. 9

Pleasant--at Court all day.

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Wednesday Aug. 10

At Court all day--The Locos have resolved to "Gerrymander" the State--Whigs will probably resign & come home.

Thursday Aug. 11

At Court--got along slowly--pleasant--brother R. P. Campbell & wife & Mrs. W. W. Campbell came--all well.

Friday Aug. 12, 1842

At Court--Tariff &c passed & the President has it--he will probably veto in order to render himself more infamous if possible--Mr. Webster has about settled all controversies with England--He is a great man--when he does up this he must resign & leave John Tyler--we are as a people fast verging to disorganization & dissolution I fear not to be arrested.

Saturday Aug. 13.

At Court--pleasant--our State Legislature broken up--the Whigs resigned & they did so rightly I think--Evening spent at Mr. Sam'l Starkweather's with wife & friends--pleasant party--Judge Burchard & young wife there.

Sunday Aug. 14

Pleasant A.M.--at Church.

Monday Aug. 15

At Court--Evening meeting at Court House & speeches from Senator Ford & Assemblyman Kelly--went to Party at H. V. Wilson's, Mrs. Judge Burchard there.

Tuesday Aug. 16

At Court, brother Robt., wife & Mrs. W. W. C. left this A.M.-- pleasant visit from them.

Wednesday Aug. 17

Court adjourned to-day--getting ready to go to N.Y.

Thursday Aug. 18

Ready to leave for N.Y.--and left about midnight in Dewit Clinton.

Friday Aug. 19

On Lake Erie stiff gale down lake, all steam & sail up.

Saturday

Reached Buffalo 1 P.M. and took stage for Batavia--tea at Rochester--all night on cars.

Saturday Aug. 20

Reached Utica at tea, took a Cooperston horse & Buggy & drove to Richfield Springs at 12 at night.

Sunday Aug. 21

At Cooperstown at breakfast--at Church A.M. at Cooper's P.M. Robt. & wife arrived last night.

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Monday Aug. 22

On lake with Robt. H. P. Potter and Parson Wiston
all day in sail boat, pleasant day.

Tuesday Aug. 23

Left with Robt. for N.Y. and went down North River
in Rochester Steamer.

Wednesday Aug. 24

In New York--stopped at Astor House--

Thursday Aug. 25

In New York--very warm weather, saw old friends &
done business.

Friday Aug. 26

Saturday Aug. 27

In New York--still warm.

Sunday Aug. 28

At Church to hear Rev. H. W. Bellows A.M. rainy day.

Monday Aug. 29

Tuesday Aug. 30

Wednesday Aug. 31

In New York, warm very--dined with friends & had
friends dine with me &c.

Thursday Sept. 1.

Friday Sept. 2

Saturday Sept. 3

in New York--busy all time--hot.

Sunday Sept. 4

Rode with Robt. to Croton Water dams in A.M. Robt. &
Col. Huntington dined with me--then went with them to Fort
Hamilton & back, got back 3 P.M.

Monday Sept. 5

Left N. York this evening in Steamer S. American &
reached Cooperstown 6 P.M. Tuesday.

Tuesday Sept. 6

All day travelling from Albany to Cooperstown.

Wednesday Sept. 7

At Cooperstown--bad weather.

Thursday Sept. 8

Waiting to take George to Cleveland, he is very sick.

Friday Sept. 9.

Rainy day--left in A.M. with Parson Campbell for
Westford trout fishing--caught 50 this day and slept at
Dea. Babcock's.

Saturday Sept. 10

Fished till 3 P.M. & caught 86 in all then home.

Sunday Sept. 11.

At Church A.M. & at Presbyterian meeting P.M.--rainy day.

Monday Sept. 12

Left Cooperstown this A.M. with brother George & mother Campbell in private carriage for Fort Plain--reached there at 5 P.M.

Tuesday Sept. 13

Travelled from Fort Plain to Syracuse to-day--hard ride for George.

Wednesday Sept. 14

From Syracuse to Rochester to-day--had the easy & comfortable sick cabin in cars.

Thursday Sept. 15

Wet day--took Packet & rode to Medina, Orleans Co. hard day's ride.

Friday Sept. 16

Took line boat at 9 A.M. and rode to Lockport 18 miles, with squalling brats & dirty women--dined at Lockport at 2 P.M. at 5 took cars for Niagara where slept.

Saturday Sept. 17

At 2 P.M. left for Buffalo, had Gen'l Scott along--stopped at American and George very low.

Sunday Sept. 18

At Buffalo all day--good accommodations--George very low.

Monday Sept. 19

Left 9 A.M. in Steamer Buffalo for Cleveland, good day--rough night & Mrs. C. very sick, a horrible night.

Tuesday Sept. 20

At 3 A.M. got safely home, all well & George very low--felt sick and exhausted.

Wednesday Sept. 21

Windy and cold--Great meeting at Elyria, Gov. Corwin there--can't go.

Thursday Sept. 22

Went to Painesville 30 miles in 3 h. 40 m. to Court--cold ride.

Friday Sept. 23

Done business & left Painesville at 2 P.M. and reached home at 6--pleasant day--Large political gatherings thro' the State. I have attended none, but feel the right spirit stirring within me--Saw Hon'l Daniel Webster in N. York and had a pleasant interview--attended the Ashburton dinner also--splendid affair--attended the Political gathering at Tabernacle on return of members of Congress--a most cheering & enthusiastic meeting--Selden, Filmore-Morehead-Stanley-Thompson spoke & eloquently--

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The people are fast "clearing the way for Henry Clay"--

John Tyler is cordially despised by every sane & honest American--he is a lasting disgrace upon our government.

Saturday Sept. 24

At home--George--my brother fast failing--he cannot live long.

Sunday Sept. 25

At Church A.M.--Parson Berry gave a good discourse, against False doctrines & false prophets &c--in P.M. I rode to Rockport for Dr. Kirtland & also to Judge Wood's.

Monday Sept. 26

Very pleasant day--Doct. Kirtland says brother George cannot recover.

Tuesday Sept. 27, 1842

Pleasant day--Went P.M. to Parma to get land appraisal--George no better.

Wednesday Sept. 28

Very pleasant--Gen'l Murphy made a political speech at Court House.

At 1/2 past 7 o'clock P.M. brother George died--he died without a struggle or groan. Aged 28 years--in the prime of life--his lungs must have been diseased for some years--he rode out ~~many~~ day before he died--still we knew he could not live many days--resigned he gave up his spirit to God who gave it.

Thursday Sept. 29

At home--my house is for first time a house of mourning--that is no one ever died in my family before--brother William died 3 years ago this month at Prairie Du Chien--only two brothers & one sister of my wife's family left--A healthy long lived family, but death is no respecter of persons--May we all be prepared.

Friday Sept. 30

Pleasant--went to Rockport on business--Great speech of Webster expected in Boston to-day.

Saturday Oct. 1

At office--lovely weather--Tylerism is making itself more & more despicable.

Sunday Oct. 2

At Church 3 times to-day.

Monday Oct. 3

District Court U. S. for Ohio commenced its sessions here to-day--Judge Leavitt presiding--nearly all Bankrupt cases.

Tuesday Oct. 4

At Court A.M. went to Rockport P.M.--pleasant day.

Wednesday Oct. 5

At Court--got my clients discharged--Webster's speech at hand--very able but parts of it unsatisfactory--I fear it will

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seriously injure him--in the popular mind it surely will--
but in the mind of cool & patriotic feeling, it probably will
not--as a politician he should have resolved to resign at once--
but as an independent statesman, he probably should not--at all
events he should do just as he pleases--this Daniel Webster
will do--At J. W. Allen's last eve. to meet the Judge.

Thursday Oct. 6.

At Court--very pleasant.

Friday Oct. 7

At Court--a bankrupt Court is a dull affair.

Saturday Oct. 8

At Court--Locos naturalizing foreigners--Our majority
was large--in '40 but will be small this year.

Sunday Oct. 9

At Church--pleasant day.

Monday Oct. 10

Went to Chagrin Falls to-day with J. H. Hitchcock--
evening a meeting front of Court House--Hon. F. Granger made a
speech & the Locos threw stones.

Tuesday Oct. 11

Election in Ohio to-day--a very quiet election here,
Whig majority in city 60--small--very small--get beat at this rate.

Wednesday Oct. 12

Went to Cuyahoga Falls & Akron--Whig maj in County 60--
pleasant day--we are defeated surely at this rate.

Thursday Oct. 13

Came home to-day--Whig majorities come in small, Loco loco
large--we are getting very democratic--demagogues must rule for
the present in this country.

Friday Oct. 14

At home--cool--it is quite sure that Shannon is elected--
What a change--Corbin was elected in 1840 by 17,000--so we go.

Saturday Oct. 15

I am 36 years old to-day--more than 1/2 of three score years
& ten gone--life is but a vapor--I feel young--full of life &
health--have seen a great deal of the world--been very sick & very
poor--but thank God always in good heart--May my life to come be
better & may I prepare for death.

Sunday Oct. 16, 1842

At Church A.M.--home P.M. pleasant day.

Monday Oct. 17

At home--getting ready to go to N.Y. on business--I would
here state that C. J. Woolson holds a \$5000 note against me--
it was given for his Draft on the Michigan Bank for some \$7000,
I paid him the balance & gave him \$2000 of the money--subsequently

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he gave the Bank his note for the amt of Draft, & I endorsed it for him--& about one year ago the Bank released him wholly at my request--so that the \$2000 note is paid & should be given up--He should also pay me the part of the Draft which he took.

I make this entry, lest death should come & no one could explain it.

Tuesday Oct. 18

Windy & wet day-- Left with mother Campbell & Miss Pomeroy for East--very rough on Lake--but spread sail & put on steam--some sick myself.

Wednesday Oct. 19, 1842

Reached Buffalo early this A.M.--breakfasted at American & took cars for Batavia--staid at Rochester this night--There found Judge & Mrs. Nelson & son--Mrs. Campbell had a good time with Mrs. Nelson--Miss P--with son & I had with the Ch. Justice.

Thursday Oct. 20.

Reached Utica P.M. left my two ladies and kept on for N.Y. all night.

Friday Oct. 21

Spent this day in Albany--called upon Reed & the Governor & took evening boat for N.Y.

Saturday Oct. 22

In N.Y. at Astor House--many old friends here--engaged in taking listing to-day for Hutchinson &c.

Sunday Oct. 23

at Grace Church with brother Robt. & wife--Dr. D. Taylor eloquent man--dined at W.C. Dr. Campbell & others there--good family dinner.

Monday Oct. 24, 1842

In N.Y. from this time till Sunday evening Nov. 6, 1842--busy all the time in the suit of Austin vs. Bingham &c.&c. went to the Park Theatre to see & hear the "Israelites crossing the red sea"--to the Bowery to see Mad. Celeste & this is all--took listing in Jersey city--Saw Mr. Webster & had several interviews with him about private matters--heard him make his speech to Board of Commerce &c. Hard times in N.Y.--little business, and Loco Focos every where prevailing--attended the Court Martial on board the ship Carolina--I had altogether a pleasant & busy time this 15 days in N.Y.--brother Robt. is sick & I fear consumption--he must go south & I fear can't live long--Sunday the 7th Nov. rode to Flatbush--Batt. & fort Hamilton with Col. Huntington & Maj. Beale--had good dinner at Flatbush--took the evening boat for Albany.

Monday Nov. 7, 1842

Took cars at Albany West--at Utica took Miss Cornelia Pomeroy under my care for Cleveland--bad weather--rode night & day.

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Tuesday Nov. 8, 1842

At day light was at Rochester--kept on & breakfasted at Batavia--& dined at Buffalo--rough weather--wind down the lake--no boat out.

Wednesday Nov. 9

At American this day & night--no boat out--windy--great celebrating at result of election--Locos prevail as expected.

Thursday Nov. 10

Went on board Illinois this A.M. but could not get out, so great a jam of shipping--on board all day & night--full load.

Friday Nov. 11

This P.M. got thro' the vessels & canal boats & out to sea--rough & windy--but put thro' the center of Lake--not sick at all--very rough.

Saturday Nov. 12, 1842

Reached home this day at 10 A.M. & glad was I to get home--all well.

Sunday Nov. 13, 1842

At Church A.M. at home with babies P.M.--N.Y. has gone 20,000 at least Loco.

Monday Nov. 14.

At Court--very cold.

Tuesday Nov. 15

At Court--very cold.

Wednesday Nov. 16

At Court, continues cold.

Thursday Nov. 17

At Court--cold, colder.

Friday Nov. 18

At Court--colder than any time last winter--Court gets along very slow.

Saturday Nov. 19

At Court--still very cold.

Sunday Nov. 20

At Church A.M.--P.M. went to hear Mr. Fitch a Millerite--good speaker but fanatic.

Monday Nov. 21, 1842

At Court--still very cold--down to 28--Meeting of Odd Fellows this night.

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Tuesday Nov. 22

At Court--cold--Mass--old Bay State has not elected honest John Davis--no choice for Gov. Morton leads Davis--so we go--Locoism will prevail--free trade--hard money--Demagoguism & all other radicalism will prevail--to be a popular & successful man in politiks takes a Demagogue.

Wednesday Nov. 23

Court adjourned last evening--cold.

Thursday Nov. 24

At office--winter is set in, hard times, & for the poor very hard--every where trade is depressed--money scarce--men desponding.

Friday Nov. 25

Wrote a review (editorial) of the proceedings of the Court, in relation to the Bank receivers report--cold--cold.

Saturday Nov. 26, 1842

At office--The late gale on Lakes has been very destructive of life & property--when will Congress deem it constitutional to make and preserve our harbors?

Sunday Nov. 27

At Church A.M.--cold--cold.

Monday Nov. 28

At office--my mind is harrassed by pecuniary wants-- Oh how I wish I had no such troubles--that I might read, write & think without the distracting pressure of the want of money--I have been rich, but now I am poor--all I wish is an exemption from daily want of money & enough to support and educate my family--To be in want of money compels man to do that which he feels unmanly --Life is full of trouble, & the true character of many man is not known because the want of money, makes them do things that conceal their real impulses.

Tuesday Nov. 29

At office--wrote an editorial for Herald on Tariff at request--cold-cold.

Wednesday Nov. 30, 1842

⌘ Snows & blows--At office--Could I be once independent-- a free man--how I should rejoice & how I could apply myself-- but as it is I will make a man.

Dec. 1, 1842 Thursday

At office.

Friday, Dec. 2

At office.

Saturday, Dec. 3

At office.

Sunday Dec. 4

At Church A.M.--Home P.M.

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Monday Dec. 5

At office.

Tuesday Dec. 6

At office wrote article on Tariff for Gazette.

Wednesday Dec. 7

At office, another article.

Thursday, Dec. 8.

At office.

Friday Dec. 9

At office--Sister Robt. P. Campbell, came to spend winter with us, & daughters.

Saturday Dec. 10, 1842

At office--moderate weather--The messages of Gov. Corwin & Capt. Tyler have been rec'd & read-- Gov's short & proper, Tyler's moderate length & able.

Sunday Dec. 11, 1842

At Church--A.M.--P.M. Funeral of Judge Barber at Ohio City.

Monday Dec. 12

At office--Move in Congress to repeal Bankrupt Law of last session--it will be done--but I cannot make up my mind to take the benefit of it--my feelings rebel-- my condition urges me to do it--I will not.

Tuesday Dec. 13

At office--joined a Masonic Lodge this evening-- the ceremony impressive--the objects & principles noble & worthy--yet this institution has been hunted down & condemned-- I have myself, as a politician, been compelled to oppose it & did so with my pen--Men will associate together in "clubs"-- it is natural & irresistible that select fellowship should exist--such has ever been the case & ever will be.

Wednesday Dec. 14, 1842

At office--no sleighing yet, but cold wintry weather.

Thursday Dec. 15

At office--Lyceum evening--well attended--Congress & State Legislature in session--Political affairs in an uncertain state--Demagoguism & radicalism rule & will until a crisis--a violent breaking up--Calhoun resigned his seat in Senate, after March 4th next he goes in for Presidency in 1844--Buchanan, VanBuren, Cass, Scott, Tyler, Webster &c--Webster the greatest-- Clay the most splendid, Cass the less mixed up with party, VanBuren the most intriguing--Calhoun the most open & independent of his party--Cass will stand a good chance if the party gets into strife.

Friday Dec. 16

At office..

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At Home until Wednesday Dec. 27, 1842 & then left in buggy waggon with C. J. Woolson for Columbus-- First day down to Cuyahoga Falls--next to Doylestown, next Massilon, next to Canal Dover, next Coshocton--next Nashport, next Newark & lastly Columbus this was

Wednesday Jan. 4, 1843
At Columbus, attended Ball at American, Society mixed & not very refined.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Jan. ., 1843 to Jan. 1844

Here is a suspension of one entire year in noting my daily outgoings & incomings--sorry--for the year just past has been fruitful of interest, it has been a year of great activity for me--I have seen a great deal, travelled almost constantly--done a vast amount of business for my means--had a great deal of enjoyment &c.

I visited Washington last January, and tarried there two weeks--had many teachable interviews with Mr. Webster--came home and then went to New York in March--was there nearly a month--returned home via Washington to see Mr. Webster--During spring months & until June travelled over this State, again & again, in private conveyance buying up the money of the Cleveland & Lake Erie Banks--visited New York again--wife & children spent two months in Cooperstown--wife went to N.York with me & spent several weeks at City Hotel--I went to Boston--New Hampshire to see my father & mother--saw Mr. Webster--then home with family in October--then to Pittsburgh and thro' the State of Ohio, having bo't up some \$40,000 of bills--

In December I lost another brother in law, Theodore Campbell, he lived with me and was the purest & most upright young man I ever saw--his death was awfully solemn & triumphant--My family, thanks to my Heavenly Father, have enjoyed good health the past year--my son, learning rapidly--is a noble boy--my two daughters are fine children.

I wish I had kept a daily record of the last year--I should have taken pleasure in coming time, to have perused it--I left home Dec. 12/43 & went to Pittsburgh with Woolson, then passed thro' the State to Columbus & to Cincinnati, staid there some days--then returned to Columbus & remained there till Jan. 12/44--Sup. Court, U.S. Court & Assembly of Ohio in session--Wrote letters daily for Cleveland Herald--signed "Otsego" which produced great sensation copied into most of Whig papers, and lionized myself-- had \$1500 offered to edit a paper at Columbus till after election--The Tyler, Loco & Whig State conventions met in Columbus while there--VanBuren & Clay will be the leaders & Clay will go over the course & leave little Matty far--far behind.

Arrived home from Columbus Jan. 15/44 and now will commence a new year & see if I can keep a journal--What will be my situation & prospects one year hence? I am embarrassed--but courage & perserverance unbounded.

Friday Jan. 18/44

December 10, 1844--

So constantly have I been upon the wing another year that my "Diary" remains a blank--little--yes too little for my own peace & comfort have I been at home the past year.

I make the most of my situation, having experienced too much of the troubles & trials of life to be easily discouraged or often desponding--The past has been with me an exceedingly active year--At Columbus from Dec. 7/43 to Jan. 1844--At Pittsburgh & Washington City & N. York from March 27th to May 9th & while absent wrote letters, for amusement to the Herald signed "Otsego"--At Pittsburgh twice in May & once in June--In July 1844 took my wife & travelled 2300 miles to Cooperstown, Albany, Montreal, Quebec, by the springs, staid some days at Saratoga, at Lake George, Lebanon Spa, then thro' Lake Champlain to Montreal, returned home in August by the St. Lawrence river, Kingston & the Falls--it was a delightful journey for my wife.

In August & September again to Cooperstown and N. York city--In September went to Toledo--In October to Buffalo & back, & then to N. York city & returned Nov. 17th. Then Nov. 25th took my wife in carriage to Pittsburgh, then down Ohio river to Wheeling, then home by New Lisbon, Canton, Massillon, &c.

My mother in law, and only brother in law visited me this summer past, and in September 1844 it pleased Providence to take unto himself my dearly beloved little Julia--Oh, this was the severest affliction I ever experienced--it bruised my heart--and I shall hardly recover--a most lovely and interesting child two & a half years old--How I did love her--suddenly taken from me--I must be reconciled but oh how hard it is--when shall I be permitted to sit quietly down at home? if ever I shall regret not having kept a daily record of my doings & feelings--This has been an exciting year in Politics--James K. Polk elected President and glorious Henry Clay defeated! What a commentary upon the intelligence of the people! Now for annexing Texas, a Northern & Southern Party, Dissolution of the Union & so forth--On the 11th inst. I go to Columbus--I am in good health, but in spirit troubled. Life is a scene of disappointments & troubles.

My dear family are my only treasures--My son is a noble boy, good scholar, & his habits fixed--I have no fears about him, but joyous hopes & expectations--My only daughter is affectionate & her soft endearments always grateful & soothing to me.

The defeat of Mr. Clay has produced a panic in money & business matters, which affects me seriously--but my wife & children are healthy & happy, and I must rub & worry on to keep them happy--this is all I ask & to preserve my good father-in law from further pecuniary trouble & sacrifices.

I am not as cheerful & happy as last year at this time--but I shall struggle on with a smiling countenance, but anxious heart--Thank God for his blessings this last year.

Amen.

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